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Particular attention is called to the Approved Rulings and Notices of Motion contained in this copy.

The Thirty-first Annual Communication of Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Moose Jaw, on Wednesday, the Sixteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven.

Proceedings of the
**M. W. Grand Lodge of
Saskatchewan**

Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons

AT THE

**THIRTIETH
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

HELD AT

Saskatoon on the 17th Day of June, 1936



ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED

JAMES WILFRED ESTEY, B.A., LL.B., K.C., M.L.A.

GRAND MASTER, 1936-1937

The thirtieth incumbent of the Office of Grand Master is a native of New Brunswick. He was born at Keswick Ridge, near Fredericton on December 1st, 1889.

He was educated in the Public Schools at Fredericton. Graduated from the University of New Brunswick (B.A.), 1910. Graduated from Harvard Law School (LL.B.), Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1915. Read law with Jas. D. Phinney and later with Chas. D. Richards, now Hon. Mr. Justice Richards, both of Fredericton, N.B. Came to Saskatchewan in 1915 and was admitted to the Bar of Saskatchewan, 1917. Lectured in Law and Economics, University of Saskatchewan. Agent of the Attorney General, Judicial District of Saskatoon, 1921-1929. Member of the Board of Governors, University of Saskatchewan, 1926-1934. Appointed King's Counsel, 1928. Senior member of the firm of Estey, Moxon, Schmitt and McDonald, established in 1929, Saskatoon.

He contested the Provincial election in 1929 and was defeated. Contested the Provincial election in 1934 and was elected. Sworn in as Minister of Education on the 19th day of June, 1934.

He was married to Miss Muriel A. I. Baldwin of Chatham, New Brunswick, in 1916. The union has been blessed with three sons: Clarence, Willard and Harold.

M.W. Brother Estey is a member of the First Baptist Church, Saskatoon. He has been active on Church committees and held various offices. He is a Director of the Y.M.C.A. and was President for one term. He is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Saskatoon and has taken an active part in various community enterprises.

Our Grand Master was initiated, passed and raised in Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16, Saskatoon, in 1920. He served his Lodge as Worshipful Master during the year 1928 and District No. 5 as D.D.G.M. for the term of June, 1931, to June, 1932. He was elected a member of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge in 1932. Elected Grand Senior Warden in 1934; Deputy Grand Master in 1935; and at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in 1936 he was chosen Most Worshipful Grand Master.

M.W. Brother Estey has a well trained legal mind, a keen sense of humour, and a sound philosophy of life. There is never any doubt as to where he stands on a question of right and wrong. He believes in law—civil, moral, and Masonic. The record of his year in office will undoubtedly bespeak the wisdom of the Craft in the selection of their present Grand Master.

—R. T.



M.W. BRO. JAMES WILFRED ESTEY
GRAND MASTER, 1936

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M.

PROCEEDINGS: ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Thirtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M., convened in the Bessborough Hotel, in the City of Saskatoon, at 9.00 a.m., on Wednesday, June 17th, 1936. Present:

THE GRAND MASTER

M.W. Bro. Joseph R. Yorke, on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.W. Bro. J. W. Estey

PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.W. Bros. W. B. Tate, A. S. Gorrell, J. McCauley, R. Young, N. B. Williams, J. W. MacNeill, W. M. Martin, J. K. Irwin, J. Orville Clarke, C. P. Moore, J. McGregor, F. B. Reilly, N. R. Craig.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R.W. Bros. D. Hunter (1), J. D. Watson (2), J. B. Clements (3), A. Moffett (4), C. P. Seeley (5), J. W. Cooper (6), A. E. Orchard (7), W. O. Fraser (8), J. A. Baskie (9), J. A. Stewart (11), S. Henning (12), J. Davidson (13), H. Elliott (14), A. Stewart (15), S. J. Caught (16), C. E. Pettman (17).

Grand Senior Warden	M. Musk (63)
Grand Junior Warden	S. C. Burton (186)
Grand Treasurer	J. C. Moore (2)
Grand Secretary	W. B. Tate (6)
Assistant Grand Secretary	Robt. A. Tate (11)
Grand Registrar	A. Johnstone (65)
Grand Senior Deacon	R. Mayes (172)
Grand Director of Ceremonies	E. R. Dobbs (93)
Grand Organist	A. W. Ingall (136)
Grand Pursuivant	A. Greaves (144)
Grand Tyler	D. MacGregor (104)

GRAND STEWARDS:—C. R. Hainsworth (55), W. B. Scribner (163), E. H. Scarlett (134), W. H. Gibson (5), J. Nottingham (155), W. A. Harper (138), W. L. Clink (19), W. L. McKenzie (169), A. McGill (165).

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alberta—A. A. Wilson.	England—J. McCauley.
Arizona—S. C. Burton.	Florida—J. R. Young.
Arkansas—Wm. McCauley.	France (Nat.)—A. G. Farrell.
British Columbia—Robt. A. Tate.	Iowa—N. B. Williams.
Canada in Ontario—A. S. Gorrell.	Ireland—W. B. Tate.

Kansas—W. M. Martin.	Rhode Island—Loy S. Sifton.
Louisiana—T. J. Ford.	Rio de Janeiro—J. E. Rodney.
Mexico—A. E. Orchard.	Scotland—R. Young.
Michigan—C. P. Moore.	South Carolina—J. C. Carter.
Missouri—J. Orville Clark.	South Dakota—F. C. Wilson.
New Brunswick—W. E. Dennison.	Tennessee—J. McGregor.
New Zealand—F. B. Reilly.	Texas—A. G. McLean.
North Carolina—A. M. Bell.	Vermont—J. C. Moore.
North Dakota—J. R. Yorke.	Virginia—H. Brodie.
Nova Scotia—N. R. Craig.	Washington—A. O. Brooks.
Oregon—J. K. Irwin.	West Australia—E. C. Bird.
Prince Edward Island—J. W. MacNeill.	West Virginia—F. B. O'Neil.
Porto Rico—H. M. Underhill.	

REPRESENTATIVES CONSTITUENT LODGES AND PAST MASTERS

- No. 1—Kinistino, Prince Albert: R. Young, J. N. Smith, J. Tomlinson, J. McMillan, G. W. Pickering.
- No. 2—Wascana, Regina: J. C. Moore, F. B. Reilly, H. C. M. Brown, R. W. Neely, W. M. Martin.
- No. 3—Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw: J. McCauley, W. McCauley, A. S. Pipes, W. H. Davidson, G. A. Stirk, J. Wilson, T. H. Pendlebury, O. R. Reid, C. J. Broderick, K. R. McKenzie.
- No. 5—Indian Head, Indian Head: W. H. Gibson, F. O. Burrill, J. G. Davidson, A. Adair.
- No. 6—Qu'Appelle, Qu'Appelle: W. B. Tate, A. E. Nicholls.
- No. 8—Ashlar, Whitewood: J. A. Baskie.
- No. 9—Maple Leaf, Maple Creek: J. A. Stewart, L. A. Quick.
- No. 11—N.W.M.P., Regina: S. Lexier, A. S. Gorrell, R. A. Tate, J. D. Watson.
- No. 12—Yorkton, Yorkton: E. A. Crosthwaite, T. W. Colbeck, C. W. Beck.
- No. 13—Duck Lake, Duck Lake: F. Anderson, H. F. Anderson, F. J. Fife.
- No. 16—Saskatchewan, Saskatoon: W. Todd, C. J. Ward, W. H. Moor, H. C. Manuel, A. Haines, T. H. Reeve, R. McRae, A. W. Heise, W. A. Edwards, F. E. Smith-Jones, E. H. Maddocks, H. G. H. Gilding, C. McMahon, J. W. Estey, E. H. Capindale, E. J. Shaver, J. Smart.
- No. 18—Melfort, Melfort: T. M. Spencer, L. Humeston, T. G. Clarke.
- No. 19—Battle, Battleford: W. L. Clink, P. S. Gosling, B. B. Bridges, A. J. Penn, H. S. May, A. Calder.
- No. 20—Weyburn, Weyburn: C. P. Moore, G. Lythgoe, P. K. Brown.
- No. 21—Arcola, Arcola: H. M. Connor.
- No. 22—Rosthern, Rosthern: E. St. G. Hodson, A. K. Dewar, W. Jacques, F. V. Hutton.
- No. 24—Wolseley, Wolseley: A. W. Ingram.
- No. 25—Estevan, Estevan: A. McCutcheon.
- No. 26—Swift Current, Swift Current: A. J. Wigmore, D. A. Kane.
- No. 28—Hanley, Hanley: F. J. Lloyd, O. J. Hamre, G. Gregg, C. Petty, J. Bird.
- No. 29—Heward, Heward: F. G. Burns.
- No. 30—New Hope, Stoughton: G. J. Raney.
- No. 31—Ionic, North Battleford: J. E. McLarty, I. A. Lawrence, J. W. MacNeill.
- No. 33—Davidson, Davidson: M. W. Coxworth, R. P. Stephenson.

- No. 35—Prince Rupert, Humboldt: A. W. Robinson.
No. 39—Boscurvis, Oxbow: W. O. Fraser.
No. 40—Rouleau, Rouleau: E. L. Plank.
No. 43—Ishpaming, Langham: W. F. Rhymes, J. Tollerud, H. J. Thompson, C. G. Bryden, E. S. Humphreys, F. B. O'Neil, J. G. Stockam.
No. 44—Landmark, Lashburn: W. S. Cooper, J. T. Richardson, P. W. Valentine, F. W. T. Smith, F. B. Milne.
No. 47—Cupar, Cupar: C. J. Wingfield.
No. 49—Assiniboia, Regina: D. Fraser.
No. 52—Border, Gainsborough: J. K. Pomeroy.
No. 53—Nanatah, Balcarres: A. Moffett.
No. 55—Craig, Craig: C. R. Hainsworth, E. H. Insull.
No. 57—Prairie, Wilkie: J. R. MacDonald.
No. 58—King Solomon, Kamsack: W. E. Smith.
No. 59—Canora, Canora: D. L. Rowntree, A. McKay.
No. 60—Imperial, Saskatoon: J. H. Thompson, W. H. Ibberson, J. E. Cowie, J. A. Gillespie, W. Garvie, A. S. Hammersley, H. F. Tatler, C. P. Seeley, S. H. Jackson, D. J. Graham, H. A. Beeby.
No. 62—Melville, Melville: T. J. Mathews, H. Mackay.
No. 63—Prince Albert, Prince Albert: W. H. Speers, S. J. Branion, M. Musk, H. E. Cooke.
No. 64—Manitou, Watrous: N. L. Stroud, R. Laing, V. R. Code.
No. 65—Outlook, Outlook: A. Johnstone, J. C. Carter, R. Davies.
No. 66—Wynyard, Wynyard: J. Young, E. G. Brand, A. Stewart.
No. 68—Govan, Govan: J. O. Clarke, E. Sorteberg, H. S. Neeley, E. Lekness.
No. 69—Carrot River, Kinistino: R. J. Humphrey, J. G. Ellis, R. M. F. Rutherford, J. R. Graham, V. Jansen.
No. 70—Cypress, Gull Lake: S. R. Robinson.
No. 71—Doric, Moose Jaw: S. R. Stephens, N. R. Craig, J. C. McDonald, J. U. Thoroughgood, H. Johnson.
No. 73—Unity, Unity: R. W. Tucker, J. Anderson, J. M. Scott.
No. 74—Kilwinning, Adanac: J. Davidson, A. M. Bell.
No. 75—Harmony, Perdue: A. Houston, G. J. Saunders, L. G. Moffat, H. R. Robertson, H. S. Dickey, W. W. Taylor, J. R. Shepherd.
No. 76—Tisdale, Tisdale: D. Hunter, M. Fritshaw.
No. 77—Abernethy, Abernethy: N. B. Williams, A. O. Brooks.
No. 79—Foam Lake, Foam Lake: C. H. Burden.
No. 81—Tuscan, Semans: E. F. Richardson, R. Landon.
No. 82—Victoria, Alsask: C. M. K. Parsons, T. Lees.
No. 83—Meridian, Macklin: E. E. Ellergodt.
No. 84—Lanigan, Lanigan: C. Stackhouse.
No. 85—Zealandia, Zealandia: A. S. Worthen.
No. 86—Kindersley, Kindersley: R. Thomson.
No. 87—Wadena, Wadena: H. R. Summers-Gill.
No. 89—Twin City, Sutherland: J. H. Haldane, R. Horspool, J. Gentles, W. A. Heath.
No. 90—KerRobert, KerRobert: C. F. Mawhinney, J. I. Bell, H. C. Parker, J. E. Rodney.
No. 91—Rosetown, Rosetown: A. Wilson, H. M. Granville, M. J. MacDonnell.
No. 92—Lodge Progress, Saskatoon: A. Turnbull, L. McBain, A. Rose, H. E. Brown, W. Gibson, R. B. Murray, C. F. Moon, W. Graham, T. Graham, C. P. Klombies, O. S. Wakeford, R. Mayson, E. Morrell, J. H. Milburn.

- No. 93—Morse, Morse: E. R. Dobbs.
No. 94—Maryfield, Maryfield: C. S. Hewitt.
No. 95—Evergreen, Harris: J. B. Wilson, S. Brown, J. Tancock,
G. M. Husband.
No. 96—Yellow Grass, Yellow Grass: R. H. McLaughlin, F. S.
Scarrow.
No. 97—Radisson, Radisson: C. A. Nutting, J. S. Nutting, C. J.
Nelson.
No. 98—Union, Kelliher: W. H. Bown, A. Gustofson.
No. 99—Goose Lake, Delisle: R. Shannon, A. C. Anderson, J. Pope,
J. R. Campbell, R. H. Miller.
No. 101—Acacia, Imperial: W. C. Brooker.
No. 104—King Hiram, Regina: D. MacGregor, A. A. Wilson, W. H.
Edinburgh, S. S. Doan.
No. 105—Gothic, Luseland: H. E. Marshall, J. S. Duncan.
No. 106—St. John's, Assiniboia: J. K. Irwin, W. E. Dennison.
No. 108—Long Lake, Liberty: W. J. Cole.
No. 110—Shaunavon, Shaunavon: H. M. Underhill, T. F. Crossen,
J. B. Story.
No. 111—Aneroid, Aneroid: W. C. Osborne.
No. 112—Woodrow, Woodrow: J. C. Cram.
No. 117—Dundurn, Dundurn: H. Ducie, R. H. Sanderson, F. R. Wilson,
E. Haggis, W. J. Wilson, A. E. Hokanson, C. A. Johnson,
J. E. Braithwaite, G. T. Peterson.
No. 121—Simpson, Simpson: S. J. Caught.
No. 122—Azure, Eastend: W. G. Bock, P. H. Armstrong.
No. 123—Lancer, Lancer: J. W. A. Solley.
No. 125—Latomia, Weyburn: O. S. Black, J. C. Martin, F. W. Ring,
S. Rodgeron, A. J. Ring.
No. 126—Cadillac, Cadillac: R. W. Atkinson, T. H. Porter.
No. 127—Birch Hills, Birch Hills: W. R. A. Orton, B. R. Lewis.
No. 128—Meyronne, Meyronne: T. G. Williams.
No. 129—Mossbank, Mossbank: S. Adelkind.
No. 132—Conquest, Conquest: A. Balkwell.
No. 133—Philathea, Nokomis: H. E. Smith, W. A. MacFarlane.
No. 134—Eston, Eston: E. H. Scarlett.
No. 135—Elrose, Elrose: D. M. Fraser, S. Henning, S. J. Atwell,
R. Torrance, G. V. Wiggins.
No. 136—St. George, Moose Jaw: J. R. Yorke, H. M. Brodie, C. A.
Smith, T. W. McPhail, A. W. Ingall, T. Underhill.
No. 138—Kincaid, Kincaid: W. A. Harper, C. P. Lee.
No. 139—Riverhurst, Riverhurst: N. C. Rudd.
No. 141—Progressive, Tompkins: H. R. Lester, M. H. Thienes.
No. 142—Leader, Leader: R. Loudon, H. A. Dowler.
No. 143—Hawarden, Hawarden: C. Pettman.
No. 144—Victory, Saskatoon: A. Greaves, J. McGregor, E. A. Chater,
J. W. T. Aitchison, H. W. Elliott, J. T. Truscott, T. Skerratt,
T. Guest, A. Ross, J. R. Young, R. W. Lindsay.
No. 145—Elfros, Elfros: J. J. Bole, G. H. Chitty.
No. 146—Asquith, Asquith: R. B. Warren, H. J. Baldwin, F. G.
Gregory, W. H. Walker, S. M. Turriff.
No. 147—Elstow, Elstow: F. B. Williams, W. C. Crawford.
No. 148—Dunblane, Dunblane: A. H. Cook, J. Sinclair.
No. 149—Loverna, Loverna: A. J. Trueb, R. F. Worthenbach, J. P.
Findlay.
No. 151—Viscount, Viscount: W. G. Meen.
No. 152—Star City, Star City: T. R. McKee.

- No. 154—Banner, Regina: J. G. Robertson, H. Taylor.
 No. 155—Raymore, Raymore: J. Nottingham, S. Dudley, A. G. McLean.
 No. 158—Borden, Borden: L. M. Watson, A. E. Orchard, T. J. Ford,
 L. V. Cowley.
 No. 162—Saltcoats, Saltcoats: G. S. Croley.
 No. 163—Fillmore, Fillmore: F. C. Wilson, W. B. Scribner.
 No. 164—Milestone, Milestone: A. McArthur.
 No. 165—St. Luke's, Plenty: A. McGill.
 No. 166—Wakaw, Wakaw: C. C. Roberts.
 No. 167—Preeceville, Preeceville: G. E. Hickling, H. Oxley, A. G.
 Buck.
 No. 168—Earl Grey, Earl Grey: A. Binnie.
 No. 169—Quill Lake, Quill Lake: A. S. Gardiner, W. L. MacKenzie.
 No. 172—Memorial, Moose Jaw: L. S. Sifton, R. Mayes.
 No. 173—Lakeview, Tessier: G. H. Johnson.
 No. 174—St. Andrews, Regina: E. C. Bird.
 No. 176—Gray, Gray: K. C. Gillis.
 No. 182—Lonach, Marsden: A. T. McAuslan, J. A. Young.
 No. 184—Osage, Osage: W. H. Boyd, A. Shotton, J. W. Cooper.
 No. 185—Loyalty, Ruddell: A. J. Bater, D. Alexander.
 No. 186—Emulation, Regina: A. G. Farrell, S. C. Burton, F. E. Doull.
 No. 187—Lucky Lake, Lucky Lake: W. T. Guest.
 No. 188—Glenedyth, Climax: A. H. Stevens.
 No. 189—Herschel, Herschel: J. M. Ballentine, R. T. Lawson, J. Mc-
 Kenzie.
 No. 190—Turtleford, Turtleford: C. W. Reed.
 No. 192—Sovereign, Sovereign: L. Douslin, E. T. Hambly, W. H.
 Waite, R. Pierson, W. Leith, J. V. Greer.
 No. 193—Mazenod, Mazenod: J. B. Clements.
 No. 194—Vanguard, Vanguard: J. R. Pilson.
 No. 196—Lacadena, Lacadena: A. W. Edgar, F. H. Helme, R. D.
 Cardiff.
 No. 199—Admiral, Admiral: H. Elliott.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME

Alderman Carl Niderost, Deputy Mayor of the City of Saskatoon, was introduced and in extending a welcome stated that all citizens admired the spirit of fraternity and the high ideals of our Order which are especially exhibited in times of distress, during which times many influences are at work to overthrow constituted authority, and that it is a matter of general satisfaction to know that there are organizations such as the Masonic Institution whose membership respect authority and in order to be good members must be good citizens.

R.W. Bro. M. Musk, Grand Senior Warden, on behalf of Grand Lodge acknowledged the cordial welcome extended by the Deputy Mayor.

M.W. Bro. J. McGregor on behalf of the four Saskatoon City Lodges and Twin City Lodge, Sutherland, extended a most cordial welcome to the representatives of Lodges from outside points, and in doing so invited all Brethren to a complimentary banquet arranged for from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. on the evening of the first day, at which banquet Lodge Progress Male Choir would render musical selections.

R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton, Grand Junior Warden, expressed the appreciation of the Brethren from outside points for the splendid arrangement made by the Saskatoon Brethren for their comfort and pleasure.

OPENING OF GRAND LODGE

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented by their accredited representatives, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form and the Grand Chaplain implored the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. upon its deliberations.

The Grand Master gave permission for all Master Masons in good standing, properly vouched for, to be admitted as visitors.

On motion of M.W. Bros. F. B. Reilly and N. R. Craig it was resolved that: "The minutes of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held in the City of Regina on June 19th and 20th, 1935, as printed in the Proceedings and distributed, be taken as read and confirmed."

On motion of M.W. Bros. W. B. Tate and J. McGregor, it was resolved that: "Mimeographed copies of the regulations for the government of Grand Lodge being in the hands of all representatives, they be taken as read and adopted."

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The following distinguished visitors were then formally introduced:

M.W. Bro. George W. Craven, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana was presented by M.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly who stated that it had been his pleasure as Grand Master to visit the Grand Lodge of Montana in Annual Communication assembled, on which occasion he developed a very high regard for the membership of that Grand Jurisdiction.

M.W. Bro. H. Woods, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was presented by M.W. Bro. J. K. Irwin, who drew attention to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was our Mother Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, was presented by M.W. Bro. A. S. Gorrell, the Grand Representative of that Grand Lodge near our Grand Lodge. Bro. Gorrell drew attention to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario was the Senior Grand Lodge in the Dominion of Canada.

The Grand Master cordially welcomed our distinguished guests, intimating that they would be given an opportunity of addressing Grand Lodge before the sessions closed, after which Grand Honours were accorded.

M.W. Bro. A. S. Gorrell presented R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton, Illustrious Deputy for Saskatchewan of the Sovereign Grand Commander of the A. & A.S.R.

M.W. Bro. J. McCauley presented W. Bro. F. E. Doull, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, Royal Arch Masons.

The Grand Master cordially welcomed these distinguished Brethren after which they were accorded Grand Honours.

RECEPTION—GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The M.W. the Grand Master requested the Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan to assemble at the Altar where they were welcomed by the Grand

Master, who requested them to extend to the various Jurisdictions which they represented the kindest greetings and felicitations of this Grand Body.

M.W. Bro. R. Young, on behalf of the Grand Representatives present, acknowledged the cordial welcome and stated that the duty of conveying greetings to the respective Grand Lodges which they represented would be discharged with pride and pleasure and that as representatives they hoped that this Communication of Grand Lodge would be both happy and prosperous.

Grand Master's Address

The M.W. the Grand Master delivered the following address, which, on motion of M.W. Bros. J. K. Irwin and A. S. Gorrell, was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.:—

Again we have the opportunity of meeting in reunion in the City of Saskatoon, "the University City of our Province." No man could be insensible to the honour of addressing a body of Masons such as is assembled here today.

We remember that the All Seeing Eye is our silent witness, and we must act toward each other as true and faithful Craftsmen, ever striving to do our best in those things which lie before us, for, "Success at its highest and best is the inevitable inflow of good, which follows the outflow of Service."

It is my privilege as well as my duty to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our members for the great confidence placed in me as your Grand Master, an honour which I most highly esteem. I have endeavoured to maintain the high dignity of the office and to uphold the traditions of those faithful Brethren who have preceded me in this honourable position. the greatest honour within the gift of the Brethren of this Jurisdiction.

I esteem it a pleasure to welcome each one to this our Thirtieth Annual Communication where brotherly love should reign supreme.

"Masonry, like the golden sunset, is still a thing of wondrous beauty; failure of appreciation by those unqualified does not dim its lustre."

Freemasonry, throughout the ages, has been a great steadying agency in the affairs of men and nations. It has always advocated the highest ideals for the guidance of its initiates. It is therefore a great apostle of right living, charity, kindness, tolerance, and love. Its beneficent results are obtained by good, clean thinking and acting, free from any form of radicalism.

"The richest legacy that can come to any man is a good philosophy of life." We believe that Masonry teaches a good philosophy. A true life is not made up of a system of accidents or things that just happen. As civilization has advanced, we have learned that the finer things of life express themselves in laws which are dependable at all times. And we need not grope in darkness, for the Great Light which every Mason is bound to follow, will certainly lead us into fields of growth and usefulness.

Freemasonry naturally stands for good citizenship and work. There is always work for the good citizen to do. The field of

endeavour is boundless—in the church, school, community, province and nation.

"Masonry is the sweetest flower which grows beside the pathway of man and even when trampled upon by the unthinking exudes a fragrant perfume which wafts over the world of humanity, exhilarating it to higher endeavours and loftier aspirations."

Let us all seek to live these principles, to elevate the spirit of the lesson even higher than the mere accuracy of ritualistic ceremony and prove that Masonry has in it that union of the human with the Divine which can meet the changing conditions of all times and of all men. Never in the history of our beloved land was there greater need for an alert and clear thinking citizenry to combat the various forces at work to undermine and destroy the cherished ideals of home life, religious life, and constitutional forms of government. Our land is infested with those whose program is to create disrespect for law and order, distrust of organized society, and who hold in derision the finer instincts of civilized society and who would also take away the happiness of hope of the people of the earth by ridiculing the teachings of our Holy Bible upon which civil society is founded, and to which it looks for inspiration. The program of these various forces or isms is destructive, offering nothing in return but unrest, distrust, class hatred, intolerance, grief, darkness and slavery. Well did Shakespeare say:—

"Civil dissension is a viperous worm,

That gnaws the bowels of the commonwealth."

I love my country, and it is my duty to support it by acting as a good citizen, by obeying the laws and respecting its Flag and defending it against all enemies.

"Bear in mind always, Brethren, that the world needs the inspiration and help which emanates from the Masonic Lodge Room, because our greatest asset is that of good men constantly endeavouring to impress others with their ideals of right living and right thinking."

The perusal of an able address by R.W. Bro. J. Fort Newton suggests to me the following:

"General Smuts of South Africa, one of the ablest men now living, tells us that there is less liberty upon the earth today than ever at any time since the beginning of our era. He has made a survey of the world situation, and sees parades strutting to and fro in shirts of various hues, and what he sees behind that pageant is not so much a desire of war or even a threat of another world war, but the death and burial of the liberties of mankind."

"The Italian Dictator tells us plainly that liberty is dead and ought to be interred! All the new ideas of the functions of the State, Communism, Fascism, Nazism, are founded upon the common idea—the denial of liberty not as a temporary expedient, but a final principle."

"As Freemasons who love liberty, we are deeply concerned about these most disturbing facts in modern history for when liberty goes everything goes. The first thing a dictator does is to close all Masonic Lodges. The story of the part which our Fraternity played in the founding of a greater Canada, formulating its laws upon the basis of liberty, is a great romance."

"But what lies back of this astonishing development? Why is it that over large areas of the earth liberty has entirely disappeared? If you look into the facts you will discover that in each case disintegration had gone so far that the country was tottering on the edge

of chaos. That was true in Italy. Powerful groups were struggling against each other for power. By the magic of his personality Mussolini grasped power. The people gave it to him. They said, "What security can we have in all these conflicting groups?" And the power they did not give, he usurped unto himself."

"A magic word of our forefathers was liberty, not slavery. It was the brightest star in their sky. To it they gave their devotion and were willing to give their lives. Many of these did pay the last full measure of devotion."

"Another magic word of our forefathers was progress. They seemed to be living under lifting skies and lengthening vistas. Nothing seemed impossible for mankind. New truths were falling in every direction from the skies. Then our glittering car skidded and turned turtle into the world war. Before that we seemed to hold a philosophy of continuous progress. Onward and upward forever, as if humanity were riding on a Divine escalator."

"What is the magic word today? It is in all our hearts. It is the word "Security." Security for the very existence of society. We need some sense of permanence in the world. It is this haunting hunger for security that leads men, sometimes to desperate measures. It is true that we are living in a changing world, whether we like it or not. The change is radical and profound."

"Thomas Hardy thought that the world would be much happier if, at some lofty moment, it would be stopped and made to stay. Lord Tennyson was wiser when he said:—

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new,

And God fulfils Himself in many ways,

Lest one good custom should corrupt the world."

Not because it is good, but because it has become a custom, an incrustation over the human mind. It is for us who value the moral and spiritual qualities of our race, the English speaking races, at least, to keep liberty that cost so much and has meant so much. We, who have listened to the great voices speaking—in our common language, the Anglo-Saxon peoples, will never give up liberty of thought, liberty of speech, and liberty to worship God. The dictators must topple and fall. If winter comes—spring is sure to follow; a new spring, with a new love of liberty."

If I judge rightly, this is an opportune time to call to mind some of the great principles for which our Order stands, for we owe it to the non-Masonic world as well as ourselves, to make it plain that the future, whose windows should be full of confident promise of achievement (to those who have the will to work and the ears to hear) may our Craft be: "The shuttle in the weaving of the warp and woof of Brotherhood." Tomorrow and tomorrow, to the last letter of recorded time.

We hold not infinity in the palm of our hand but we are called upon to work (the watchword of life) and to build in the positive present, with human stones and human working tools in order that we may speak the truth and say to co-trustees of our posterity:—

"After me cometh a builder, tell him I too have known.

This is our heritage

And here do we engage

Each man unto his son

Intact to pass it on."

The year past has been one of very reasonable progress. And in view of the financial situation I am sure we have much for which to be grateful.

It is the value not the price that we are putting upon Masonry. We must maintain and raise the standard. There should be nothing cheap about this great intellectual order: "Chosen of the true."

It is Most Worshipful Brethren of Ontario, Manitoba and Montana, a great Masonic commonwealth of some 14,000 members that welcomes you today in the most warm-hearted and cordial manner to our Annual Communication and we know you will aid us in making this trysting place a clearing place of ideas and ideals of good brotherhood.

A Mason of the old time was described as a sociable creature, a lover of good company, and a delighter in his equals among men of good will.

With all our joy of life we, "gatherers of gladness", must not forget those who have passed beyond the bourne and we will listen to the report on the Fraternal Dead with bowed heads and kindling memories. Let us pause a moment in loving remembrance of our good Brethren who have departed this life to enter the Grand Lodge above.

Our hearts are filled with love and gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. who occupies the Holy of Holies, for the mercies bestowed on us in permitting our line of Grand Officers to remain intact. Death has removed from our midst beloved Brethren who by their zeal for Masonry endeared themselves to us. Death does not destroy the spirit, it only liberates it. It sets the soul free from inertia and the inactivity of the body and opens it to new fields of endeavour.

"I tell you they have not died
They live and breathe with you,
They walk here now, at your side,
And tell you things are true.
Why dream of poppied sod
When we can feel their breath?
Flower, Soul and God say
There is no death.

"I tell you they have not died,
Their hands clasp yours and mine;
They are now but glorified,
They have become divine.
They live, they know, they see,
And shout with every breath
All is eternal life,
There is no death."

Other Grand Jurisdictions have had removed from their midst many eminent and distinguished Masons and we extend to them our deepest sympathy. During the year we have received official notice of the deaths of the following distinguished Brethren of Sister Grand Jurisdictions:—

Arizona—E. S. Miller, Past Grand Master.

California—W. B. Burr, Past Grand Master.

Colorado—W. W. Cooper, Grand Secretary.

Connecticut—G. A. Kies, Past Grand Master.

Delaware—E. B. Mode, Past Grand Master; E. G. Walls, Past Grand Master.

United Grand Lodge of England—Rt. Hon. The Lord Amptill, Pro Grand Master; Lord Cornwallis, Deputy Grand Master.

Florida—E. E. Haskell, Past Grand Master.

Illinois—L. A. Goddard, Past Grand Master.

Indiana—R. W. Phillips, Past Grand Master.
 Iowa—F. S. Moses, Past Grand Master; L. Block, Past Grand Master.
 Kentucky—F. W. Hardwick, Grand Secretary.
 Maine—H. R. Chaplin, Past Grand Master; A. E. Campbell, Past Senior Grand Warden.
 Michigan—F. E. Turrell, Past Grand Master.
 Minnesota—W. N. Kendrick, Past Grand Master; W. A. Elliott, Grand Master.
 Mississippi—I. M. Moody, Grand Treasurer; G. D. Riley, Past Grand Master.
 Nevada—C. L. Fulstone, Past Grand Master.
 Northern China, District Grand Lodge—H. J. Clark, Past Grand Master.
 Ohio—C. L. Minor, Past Grand Master.
 Oklahoma—W. E. Stuart, Past Grand Master, Grand Treasurer.
 Oregon—A. P. Davis, District Deputy Grand Master; W. E. Grace, Past Grand Master.
 Porto Rico—A. A. Sevilla, Deputy Grand Master.
 South Carolina—G. T. Bryan, Past Grand Master.
 Tennessee—G. E. Bennett, Junior Grand Deacon.
 Wisconsin—H. C. Dittmar, Past Senior Grand Warden; J. E. Bast, Assistant Grand Secretary.

Edicts

The following edicts are self-explanatory.

To the Worshipful Masters, Officers and Brethren of all Constituent Lodges in Districts Nos. 1 and 10, and to the D.D.G.M.'s of said Districts:

Brethren:

Whereas, at the District Meeting of District No. 1 held at Melfort on Tuesday, August 14th, 1934, a resolution was passed recommending that an adjustment be made in the boundaries of District No. 1, it having become too extensive.

And whereas, I have thought that Hudson Bay Lodge No. 200 at Hudson Bay Junction would be equally as well served by being transferred to District No. 10.

I, Joseph Ross Yorke, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, do hereby transfer Hudson Bay Lodge No. 200 at Hudson Bay Junction from District No. 1 to District No. 10.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the seal of Grand Lodge to be hereunto affixed, and attested by the signature of the Grand Secretary, in the City of Regina, this twenty-sixth day of June, 1935.

Attest:

W. B. TATE,
Grand Secretary.

J. R. YORKE,
Grand Master.

To the Worshipful Masters, Officers and Brethren of all Constituent Lodges in Districts Nos. 6, 8 and 9, and to the D.D.G.M.'s of said Districts.

Brethren:

Whereas, the D.D.G.M.'s for District No. 6 for the past three years have urged a revision of the Districts in the South Eastern portion of the Jurisdiction.

And whereas, there have been complaints that District No. 8 as at present constituted is an extremely awkward District on account of the Lodges in the Northern part of the District being separated by the Moose Mountains from the Lodges in the South.

And whereas, I have thought that the Lodges in the Northern part of District No. 8 being contiguous to District No. 9 they would be benefitted very considerably by being transferred to said District.

I, Joseph Ross Yorke, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, do hereby transfer Connaught Lodge No. 80, Windthorst; Maryfield Lodge No. 94; Composite Lodge No. 103, Kennedy; and Wawota Lodge No. 150, to District No. 9.

I further do hereby transfer Amity Lodge No. 15, Carnduff; Estevan Lodge No. 25, Alameda Lodge No. 27, Boscurvis Lodge No. 39, Oxbow and Border Lodge No. 52, Gainsborough, from District No. 6 to District No. 8.

And I further do hereby transfer Bruce Lodge No. 36, Francis, and Osage Lodge No. 184, from District No. 8 to District No. 6, and Colfax Lodge No. 198 from District No. 2 to District No. 6.

And I do appoint R.W. Bro. W. O. Fraser, Oxbow, as D.D.G.M. of the re-organized District No. 8, and R.W. Bro. J. W. Cooper, Osage, as D.D.G.M. of the re-organized District No. 6.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the seal of Grand Lodge to be hereunto affixed, and attested by the signature of the Grand Secretary, in the City of Regina, this twenty-sixth day of June, 1935.

Attest:

W. B. TATE,
Grand Secretary.

J. R. YORKE,
Grand Master.

District Meetings

The importance of the District Meetings and the interest in them appears to be growing. An intelligent desire was shown to know more of the work and application of the symbolic meaning of our Craft.

It clearly indicates to me that Craft Masonry in Saskatchewan is a live, vital organization capable of keeping its members intellectually interested, and enthusiastic in the ideals and principles for which Craft Masonry stands.

The instruction given at those meetings by our genial Grand Secretary is uniform and easily understood, the result of which justifies the time and effort.

I suggested to the District Meetings that our "Flag" be displayed in the Lodge room on all occasions while Masonic meetings were in session, as it is evident to me that with the presence of the "Flag" we are reminded of the high ideals that it represents and those ideals are co-workers with Masonic Ideals, and go gracefully hand in hand.

District No. 10, whose meeting was held at Canora, had a delightful experience at the afternoon recess when the Boys' Band came and played a number of selections in front of the Masonic Hall and the Brethren were thrilled with the harmony rendered by the boy players. I tendered my personal thanks to the boys and their leader for their delightful rendition.

District No. 16 met in the beautiful Masonic Temple at Govan, which in itself is a tribute to Masonry in the community. On this occasion it was my privilege to pay a visit to my old high school

teacher, W. Bro. Charles B. Latta, who was very ill. He held my hand and said, "How glad I am that my student and Grand Master has come to see me." Our parting was rather sad because I could see that it would only be a matter of a short time until my old teacher would pass to his reward. His name will appear among the list of Fraternal Dead.

District No. 4. This meeting was held in the historic village of Fort Qu'Appelle on August the 14th. During the afternoon recess in company with M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary; R.W. Bros. E. W. Miller, A. C. Scott, A. Moffett, D.D.G.M., and many others, I drove to the beautiful cemetery on the hill to visit the last resting place of M.W. Bro. W. M. Thomson, Past Grand Master of this Jurisdiction. Surrounding the grave and with bowed and uncovered heads I conducted a brief ceremony and placed thereon a sheaf of roses, as a tribute to that "Good Man." Let us not forget, my Brethren, the stalwarts of Masonry who have passed on.

District No. 1. This meeting was held in Tisdale on Wednesday, October 2nd. The Brethren of Tisdale are to be complimented in possessing such fine quarters. Thanks partly to the efforts of our late Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. M. A. MacKay. During the recess I took the occasion, in company with R.W. Bro. D. Hunter, D.D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. M. Musk, Grand Senior Warden, and V.W. Bro. Robt. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary and others, to pay a visit to Mrs. MacKay.

I claim no credit for the success of the District Meetings. The success of those meetings is the direct result of those who have gone before me, together with the untiring efforts of the Grand Secretary. The numbers attending and the interest generally indicated that in this Grand Jurisdiction the Craft is in a healthy condition.

Visits to Constituent Lodges

It was my privilege, in company with V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. J. D. Watson, D.D.G.M. of District No. 2; R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton, Grand Junior Warden, and others from Regina, to visit Moose Jaw Lodge No. 3 in the evening of June 25th. I was received in a most dignified manner. The occasion was the conferring of the Third Degree on Bro. Leonard A. Bailey, whose father presented him with his Master Mason's apron. Senior Bro. Bailey was at the time over eighty years of age having been raised to the Third Degree some fifty years previous. Our elder Brother has since passed to the Grand Lodge above.

I accompanied a party of over twenty of the Brethren of King Hiram Lodge No. 104 on a fraternal visit to Milestone Lodge No. 164, on the evening of July 4th. We received a royal welcome from the good Brethren of Milestone and were privileged to witness the conferring of the Third Degree in a most creditable manner.

On May 12th, together with a large number of Brethren from the Regina Lodges, I paid a visit to Moose Jaw Lodge No. 3.

On my reception I was accompanied by M.W. Bros. H. H. Campkin, F. B. Reilly and N. R. Craig, R.W. Bros. S. C. Burton, Grand Junior Warden; J. D. Watson, D.D.G.M. District No. 2; J. C. Moore, Grand Treasurer; J. McIntosh, W. W. McCubbin, and V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary.

A splendid feature of the cordiality of the Moose Jaw Brethren was the reception of the seven W.M.'s of the Regina Lodges, viz.:

W. Bro. E. G. Hingley, Wascana Lodge No. 2.
 W. Bro. J. E. Campbell, N.W.M.P. Lodge No. 11.
 W. Bro. D. Fraser, Assiniboia Lodge No. 49.
 W. Bro. S. S. Doan, King Hiram Lodge No. 104.
 W. Bro. J. G. Robertson, Banner Lodge No. 154.
 W. Bro. W. J. Scott, St. Andrews Lodge No. 174.
 W. Bro. S. Quigg, Emulation Lodge No. 186.

The occasion was very unique and the seven Masters were given Grand Honours as distinguished visitors.

The evening added another page of Masonic achievement in the history of this Grand Jurisdiction.

I was invited to attend a meeting of Borden Lodge No. 158 on October 25th but through circumstances over which I had no control I was unable to attend. It was a red letter day for R.W. Bro. A. E. Orchard, D.D.G.M. District No. 7, as it was his privilege to raise his two sons, Stewart and Clarence, and his nephew, Robert E. Orchard, to the Third Degree. M.W. Bro. J. McGregor very happily stepped into the breach and represented me on this occasion. Father, sons and nephew were all very proud and justly so.

On October 22nd I visited Lucky Lake Lodge in company with R.W. Bros. C. E. Pettman, D.D.G.M. District No. 17; W. I. Cocks, V.W. Bros. T. S. Parker, D. B. Annis, and others of Riverhurst Lodge. This was a most interesting meeting and a splendid spirit prevailed.

On December 4th I visited Emulation Lodge No. 186, Regina, and was accompanied by M.W. Bros. H. H. Campkin and F. B. Reilly; R.W. Bros. S. C. Burton, Grand Junior Warden; J. D. Watson, D.D.G.M. District No. 2, and V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary, and others.

It was a red letter day for R.W. Bro. Burton for it was his privilege to confer the Third Degree on his son Alexander, and I was very happy to share in the work. A proud father and son.

On December 6th I visited Assiniboia Lodge No. 49, Regina, when M.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin raised his son Wilbert to the Third Degree. It was my privilege to share in the work on this occasion. Among others assisting were M.W. Bro. F. B. Reily and R.W. Bros. S. C. Burton and J. C. Moore.

April 7th was a red letter day for Bro. L. E. Weaver when his son Samuel C. was initiated in Wascana Lodge No. 2. Among those assisting in the Ceremony were M.W. Bros. H. H. Campkin, A. S. Gorrell, N. B. Williams and F. B. Reilly; R.W. Bros. S. C. Burton, F. C. Wilson, J. D. Watson, J. W. Hedley and your Grand Master. This was a very unique occasion.

Installations

I was pleased to attend the following installations:

King Hiram Lodge No. 104 on December 10th.
 Wascana Lodge No. 2 on December 11th.
 Banner Lodge No. 154 on December 23rd.
 N.W.M.P. Lodge No. 11 on December 27th.
 Assiniboia Lodge No. 49 on January 3rd.
 Emulation Lodge No. 186 on June 3rd.

I was unable to attend the Installation of St. Andrews Lodge No. 174 but was well represented by our Grand Junior Warden, R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton, who tendered my greetings.

On each occasion the work was well done and a splendid spirit prevailed.

On December 20th I attended my own Lodge Installation in Moose Jaw, St. George Lodge No. 136. I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton, Grand Junior Warden; R.W. Bro. J. D. Watson, D.D.G.M. District No. 2; V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary, and others from the Regina Lodges.

It was my pleasure to take part in the Ceremony.

Meeting in Medicine Hat, Alberta

On September 11th it was my privilege to attend a District Meeting in Medicine Hat in company with M.W. Bro. Melvin M. Downey, Grand Master of Alberta. Saskatchewan was well represented by D.D.G.M. J. A. Stewart of Maple Creek and a number of Brethren from Maple Creek, Tompkins and Gull Lake Lodges.

In the afternoon it was my privilege to address the meeting and in the evening M.W. Bro. R. V. Harris, P.G.M. of Nova Scotia, was the guest speaker. M.W. Bro. Harris is a very forcible speaker and has written a number of Masonic plays.

This was a very unique occasion and I was very happy to represent this Grand Lodge as a guest of my old colleague the Grand Master of Alberta.

Anniversaries

The Silver Jubilee Anniversary of the founding of King Solomon Lodge No. 58, Kamsack, was held on Wednesday, September 11th. Grand Lodge was to have been represented by our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, and M.W. Bro. N. B. Williams, but owing to a peculiar set of circumstances neither was able to be present. I commissioned V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary, to act for me and he gave me a very favourable report of the meeting. Congratulations, Kamsack.

On September 26th the Silver Jubilee Anniversary of the founding of Melville Lodge No. 62 was held in Melville. It was my privilege to attend in company with R.W. Bros. J. W. Estey, Deputy Grand Master; L. Keene, D.D.G.M. of the District; V.W. Bros. Robt. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary; H. M. P. DeRoche, with over one hundred present from the adjacent Lodges. It was my pleasure on this occasion to have presented to the meeting two old Ontario friends, W. Bro. J. H. C. Woodward and Bro. Thomas of London. They were received and given Grand Honours, thus cementing the East and the West.

Many Brethren had driven over one hundred miles to be present. The guest speaker was R.W. Bro. Estey, Deputy Grand Master. The Melville Brethren are to be congratulated on attaining such a fine record of Masonic progress.

On October 10th, in company with M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, R.W. Bros. J. B. Clements, D.D.G.M. District No. 3; J. D. Watson, D.D.G.M. District No. 2; C. Martin, P.D.D.G.M.; V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary, and others from Regina and Moose Jaw Lodges, I visited Caron Lodge No. 42, it being the occasion of the 27th Anniversary of the Lodge. W. Bro. G. Clemens gave a resume of the history of the Lodge and the D.D.G.M. gave a historical sketch of District No. 3.

M.W. Bro. Craig was the guest speaker of the evening, whose address was very much appreciated by the Brethren.

It was my pleasure to be present with Mrs. Yorke at a social evening of Wascana Lodge on the occasion of its 53rd year of Masonic progress. It was not a jubilee meeting but just a mutual get together to which our Wascana Brethren had invited the Masons in Regina and District.

On February 24th it was my pleasure, in company with Mrs. Yorke to attend a social evening of Banner Lodge, it being the occasion of the 16th birthday. This was a memorable event. Mrs. Yorke cut the birthday cake with its sixteen candles. The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. J. W. Estey, was the guest speaker in his usual good style.

On April 14th Qu'Appelle Lodge No. 6 celebrated its 50th birthday. Unfortunately the roads were in a very bad condition and I was unable to attend the afternoon meeting. The afternoon meeting was a memorable event and on my behalf W. Bro. A. E. Nicholls presented W. Bro. Vicars with a Past Master's Jewel, Bro. Vicars being its oldest living Past Master and Masonically, past the half century mark. R.W. Bro. A. Moffett, D.D.G.M. of the District, managed by car and horses to get in and out of the mud in sufficient time to attend the evening session, at which the ladies were present. Mrs. Yorke and I left Regina on the evening train arriving in time for the social part and it was Mrs. Yorke's privilege to cut the cake decked with fifty candles. The gathering was not large but a fine spirit prevailed.

On May 14th Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge No. 4 celebrated its 50th Anniversary, a real red letter day in this Lodge. It was my pleasure to attend and with me were M.W. Bros. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary; N. B. Williams, R.W. Bros. A. Moffett, F. A. Dunk, S. C. Burton, A. C. Scott, W. Murison, and V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary. In addition Worshipful Masters from several of the Regina Lodges, Balcarres, Cupar, Indian Head, Abernethy and other Lodges in the District were present.

R.W. Bro. E. W. Miller gave us a royal welcome on the occasion of our reception, and was very happy having been honoured by his Brethren to be the W.M. for this eventful year.

W. Bro. H. C. Hall (the son of the first initiate) gave a very interesting resume of the history of the Lodge, which was particularly well coined in choice of language.

Many of the old timers told of events of the early days. R.W. Bro. Murison telling how he used to drive with ponies some sixty miles from Punnichy and how well the ponies listened while he coached the younger Brethren in the work, doing the round trip of one hundred and twenty miles in the sub-zero weather.

Space will not permit all the fine things that were said on this occasion. M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate paid high tribute to our late Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. M. Thomson, for his efforts in by-gone days and to R.W. Bro. F. S. Proctor, who gave to the Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge a clear title to the property in which they meet.

Our genial Grand Junior Warden, R.W. Bro. Burton, spoke very fittingly in the Lodge Room.

A fitting tribute was paid by V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate to his father, the Grand Secretary, who had laboured as a minister and a Mason so many years in the Qu'Appelle area.

The evening took the form of a dinner at which the ladies were present. M.W. Bro. N. B. Williams was the guest speaker and delivered a most challenging address on Masonry.

On June 4th it was my privilege, in company with M.W. Bros.

H. H. Campkin, W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary; R.W. Bros. A. Moffett, D.D.G.M. District No. 4; J. F. Hunt, A. C. Scott, F. W. Hart, E. W. Miller, T. M. Howatt and A. O. Brooks, and V.W. Bro. A. C. Tappin, Grand Chaplain, to visit Indian Head Lodge No. 5. It was the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Lodge. R.W. Bro. Hunt acting as W.M., I received a most cordial welcome and ninety-eight Brethren signed the register. Several W.M.'s of Lodges in the District, together with Brethren from Saskatoon and Central Butte, were in attendance.

R.W. Bro. Hunt gave a resume of the history of the Lodge from the early days to the present time.

M.W. Bro. Campkin, the oldest Past Master of the Lodge now living and Senior P.G.M., gave a most interesting survey of the commencement and growth of Masonry in Manitoba and the N.W.T. which was indeed inspiring.

It was my pleasure to address the Brethren and present R.W. Bro. J. F. Hunt with a Past Master's Jewel.

M.W. Bro. Tate, Grand Secretary, addressed the Brethren in his usual good form. Among others who spoke were R.W. Bros. Miller, Howatt, Brooks, Scott, Moffet, Vicars and V.W. Bro. Tappin, Grand Chaplain.

A wonderful spirit prevailed and this eventful evening will long be remembered.

Fraternal Relations

Our Fraternal Relations with all Grand Jurisdictions with whom we are in correspondence continue to be most cordial.

An invitation was extended to me to attend the Grand Lodge of Alberta which was held last week but I was compelled to tender regrets. I had the pleasure of visiting the Grand Lodge of Alberta last year as representing the then Grand Master and this Grand Lodge.

It was my pleasure to attend the 61st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba which was held on June 10th and 11th, 1936. I received every courtesy and was enriched with the experience gained in fraternizing with the Brethren of our Mother Grand Jurisdiction, and it is my pleasure to have M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, the Grand Master, with us today. The Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario was represented by M.W. Bro. Frank Copus and the Grand Lodge of Alberta by M.W. Bro. V. A. Bowes.

Last year we celebrated the Silver Jubilee Anniversary of our late Most Excellent Majesty George V. A year never to be forgotten in the British Empire.

In January of this year a dark cloud appeared in the sky and radios and cables flashed messages to the world that our Sovereign was stricken with a serious illness. For a time it appeared he would recover but his resistance was not sufficient to combat the illness with which he was stricken and while hope was held against hope he gradually weakened.

His last words to those who were at his side were, "Is all well with the Empire," being assured he passed away.

The tumult and the shouting dies;

The captains and the kings depart:

Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,

An humble and a contrite heart.

Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,

Lest we forget—lest we forget!

I directed the following cable of sympathy to be sent:

"The Masons under the Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, hasten to express their heartfelt sorrow at the death of our beloved King George V and to assure His Majesty King Edward VIII of their loyal devotion."

The following reply was received:

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

31st March, 1936.

Dear Sir,—

I am commanded to convey to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan the sincere and heartfelt thanks of the King for the kind message of sympathy in his great loss contained in your cable of January 22nd.

His Majesty appreciates deeply the loyal sentiments which accompany this message.

Yours very truly,
WIGRAM.

The Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan,
Masonic Temple,
Regina, Sask.

I also directed that the following memorial be sent to all Constituent Lodges throughout the Grand Jurisdiction:

To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren of all Constituent Lodges and to all to whom these presents may come:

Brethren:

HIS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

George V

BY THE GRACE OF GOD OF GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND, AND OF THE BRITISH DOMINIONS BEYOND THE SEAS, KING, DEFENDER OF THE FAITH, EMPEROR OF INDIA, died at Sandringham, Norfolk, England, Monday night, January 20th, 1936.

A good man—his prayer in his last Christmas Message to his family of peoples "May the spirit of goodwill and mutual helpfulness grow and spread", surely characterized his entire life.

As a tribute of our great respect it is hereby ordered that all our Lodges drape their Altar and Charter for the space of three months and it is further directed that this memorial be read in each Lodge at the first Regular Communication after its receipt and that it be spread on the minutes.

Attest:

W. B. TATE,
Grand Secretary.

JOSEPH ROSS YORKE,
Grand Master.

Grand Representatives

Acting upon the recommendation of the Grand Masters of the various Grand Bodies affected, I approved the following appointments of Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges, commissions being issued as follows:

R.W. Bro. E. G. Dixon near the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

W. Bro. G. B. Lewis near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

W. Bro. W. G. Perry near the National Grand Lodge of France.

W. Bro. H. K. Lamb near the Grand Lodge of Georgia.
W. Bro. H. M. Campbell near the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.
R.W. Bro. G. S. Burrows near the Grand Lodge of Quebec.
M.W. Bro. J. C. Collins near the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

Decisions and Ruling

The following questions were submitted to me for decision:

1. Togo Lodge No. 130 at Togo wrote stating that at a Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on April 1st the Secretary was instructed to ascertain if Grand Lodge would grant permission to the Lodge to sponsor a draw for the purpose of enabling them to raise funds for building a Community Hall in which hall the Lodge would have quarters for meeting purposes. I decided as follows:

"Your Masonic Lodge must not either as a Lodge or in the name of Masonry participate in any way in such a measure as indicated in the letter of the Secretary of Togo Lodge dated April 2nd. The Lodge is further directed to have the matter of the resolution and all details pertaining thereto expunged from the Lodge minutes and to advise the Grand Lodge Office under the seal of the Lodge that same has been done and to give an undertaking that my decision with respect to this matter shall be strictly adhered to."

2. Swift Current Lodge No. 26 made arrangements for the conferring of the Third Degree on a F.C. member of said Lodge by the Officers of Maple Leaf Lodge No. 9 in the "American Rite." I ruled as follows:

"I prohibit these arrangements being carried out and this Degree being conferred in other than the Work permitted under the Charter of Swift Current Lodge," and I make the following general ruling: "No constituent Lodge shall confer any Degree in other than the work permitted under the Charter of the Lodge."

3. Victory Lodge No. 144, Saskatoon, requested permission to re-instate a former member of said Lodge who had terminated his membership by resignation without going through the procedure of his making application for affiliation.

I directed as follows: "A Brother on obtaining his Demit severs his connection with his Lodge and can only resume membership therein by application for affiliation and said application be dealt with by ballot as provided for in the Constitution."

Condition of Masonry

Harmony and unanimity prevails throughout our Grand Jurisdiction and I am proud of all our Lodges and of those red-blooded Brethren who are toiling, heart and mind, in the rich treasure strewn mines of Masonry's realm; bringing the blind by a way that they know not; leading them in paths that they have not known; and as these thoughts and lessons take root in fertile soil of the hearts and minds of our new Brethren, they bud and blossom into foliage of love and kindness, and fruit of charity toward all mankind.

Moose River Mine Disaster

At Easter time of this year our people of Canada, yea the whole world, was shocked when word was flashed on the air by radio that three of our Canadian citizens were entombed in a mining shaft, 141 feet below the surface of the ground. While it is not known if Masons took part in the rescue of Dr. Robertson, Mr. Scadding and the removal of the body of the late Mr. Magill, may I say this:

No sublime faith, no example of undaunted courage, no thrilling act of chivalry, no great sacrifice, no martyrdom for human liberty, no grand deed with all its train of inspiring attributes for the uplifting and cementing of the human race, that has been eternally carved into the records of the world, could have been better exemplified than was exemplified by those heroic Draegermen and others who gave so unstintingly of their mental and physical efforts in effecting the rescue of Dr. Robertson, Mr. Scadding and bringing to the surface the body of Mr. Magill who lost his life in the tomb.

"Courage and faith personified."

Tribute to the Grand Secretary

His lovable nature, kindly disposition, knowledge, experience, sound judgment, unselfish and wise counsel are invaluable. I wish that each of you could have been Grand Master and come to know him intimately through that channel at a time when great responsibilities were resting heavily upon you. He is faithful to the trust we repose in him. His conception of Masonry is solid, simple and grand. His counsel is ever good, never thrust upon you and never refused when requested.

Conclusion

And now my Brethren, in turning back to you the sacred trust delivered to me one year ago, I again bring to you my heartiest thanks for all you have done and for all you have meant to me. It is by your labours that we stand on a high pinnacle of achievement today. Had you failed, the honour and dignity of our Institution would have suffered, and the lustre of our tenets would have been dimmed. But you did not fail. You have held high our principles and by precept and example taught faith in God, hope in immortality and charity toward all mankind. The past eloquently tells the present that all that now is exists because every man in his own time and place did nobly his part. Let me beg of you, Brethren, that you carry out the Grand Commission of the Supreme Grand Master which expires only when the harvest of plenty fills all the granaries of want and the sudden sea of trouble shall cast its last wave on life's great shore. In that day the golden chain of fraternity will be completed as we gather in the East to receive the "well done" of the Master.

Fraternally yours,

JOSEPH ROSS YORKE,
Grand Master.

Greetings and Regrets

A telegram conveying hearty fraternal greetings and best wishes for a harmonious and constructive Annual Communication was read from the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

A telegram conveying hearty fraternal greetings and good wishes was read from the Grand Lodge of Washington.

Telegrams were read from M.W. Bros. W. J. Smith and T. W. Sutherland expressing regret at their inability to be present and conveying best wishes.

A letter was read from M.W. Bro. M. M. Downey expressing his regret at his inability to be present and conveying best wishes for a successful Annual Communication.

Letters were read from the following Brethren regretting their inability to be present and expressing good wishes for a successful and constructive Annual Communication: R.W. Bros. J. Obed Smith, A. C. Garner, W. R. McConnell, Leslie Keene and J. A. Coulter.

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

On motion of R.W. Bro. J. C. Carter (65) and W. Bro. H. Mackay (62), it was resolved: "That advance copies of the following reports being printed and in the hands of the representatives of the Lodges, they be taken as read and referred to the Committee on Condition of Masonry."

DISTRICT No. 1

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple at Tisdale, on Wednesday, October 2, 1935, a total of 86 being registered. The meeting was opened as per order set for District Meeting at 2.45 p.m.

The M.W. the Grand Master, R.W. Bro. M. Musk, G.S.W. and V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary, were introduced by V.W. Bro. F. T. Fraser, and received with the customary Grand Honors.

The report of the D.D.G.M. for the past term was read by R.W. Bro. James Gibb.

Discussion on the following items was led by the Assistant Grand Secretary:

- (a) Lodge Attendance;
- (b) Masonic Research and Study;
- (c) Inter-Lodge Visitation.

This discussion brought out many valuable suggestions and showed a very satisfactory condition as existing throughout the District.

R.W. Bro. Musk, G.S.W., on behalf of Shellbrook Lodge, returned to Tisdale Lodge the Travelling Square which began its travels from Tisdale in July, 1935, and had visited nine Lodges up to October 2, 1935. The donor of the Square is highly satisfied with the result and finds it is a good idea for encouraging inter-lodge visitation.

The opening and closing of the three Degrees was exemplified by the Officers of Tisdale Lodge No. 76, carrying out the different changes as made in the Work.

A Board of Installed Masters was opened at 5.30 p.m. Under the instruction of the Assistant Grand Secretary, the work was capably exemplified.

The evening session was opened at 8 p.m. On the first ballot, W. Bro. W. R. A. Orton, Birch Hills No. 127, was declared elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year.

The Question Box, as usual, was very popular and some interesting questions came up, which were handled very capably by V.W.

Bro. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary. At this time the M.W. the Grand Master addressed the Brethren briefly with regard to displaying the Flag in the Lodge Room, particularly stressing the privileges and advantages of Canadian citizenship.

Other special features of the meeting were a paper on the Application of Masonic Ethics by W. Bro. W. R. A. Orton, and an address by the M.W. the Grand Master, the subject being "Heart Vision", both of which were received with great appreciation by the Brethren.

I visited every Lodge officially once, and found a real brotherly spirit prevails throughout the whole district. The new opening and closing ceremonies are being used by every Lodge and appear to take well with the Brethren. The Officers of the various Lodges were proficient in their duties and the degree work was good. I was pleased to note that the Lodges are taking a greater interest in Masonic Study and Research, and some of the Lodges have been putting on Masonic Plays—in fact one Lodge had put on four plays.

Membership in the district has been well maintained, and arrears of dues are getting cut down gradually. Some of the Lodges have acted in a true Masonic spirit in remitting dues in worthy cases.

In closing my report I would like to voice my appreciation to the Brethren of District No. 1 for the honor conferred upon me by electing me D.D.G.M. and the courtesy and hospitality shown me by every Lodge I visited. I would also like to thank the Brethren of Tisdale Lodge for their kind assistance and company when making my official visits.

Fraternally submitted,

D. HUNTER,
D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 2.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 2, a district comprising fourteen Lodges, seven of which are located in the City of Regina.

The District Meeting was held in Regina on September 30th. The attendance was not as large as in former years and it may be that this was as a result of the meeting being arranged for a later date in the year. Instruction at the afternoon meeting was given by V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary. M.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke honoured the meeting with his presence and delivered an outstanding address at the evening session.

I visited all Lodges in the District and have been fortunate in having V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate accompany me on each occasion, materially adding to the success of my meetings by placing the knowledge that he has gained through some fifteen years' experience in the Grand Lodge Office, in so far as that knowledge pertains to Ritualistic Work and Constitutional points, at the disposal of the Brethren and answering any questions that they brought up. I invariably found a few stalwarts in each Lodge tirelessly working

in the best interests of Masonry and determined to steer their particular Lodge through these troublesome times. I also found that there was a goodly percentage of the membership in each Lodge that apparently had become discouraged and critical.

Masonic Education and Research: The majority of Lodges in District No. 2 appear to have lost interest in the Research Papers as at present being sent out by our Grand Lodge Committee although in every instance I find the Lodges anxious for information and instruction. I therefore recommend that a more varied type of program be followed. That the present style of paper be sent out every other month and that on the alternate months there be papers along the following line:—

1. The Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, its purpose and its work.
2. Business Management of Constituent Lodges.
3. Masonic History of our Grand Lodge.
4. A series of questions with answers or sources from which answers may be obtained, these questions to be compiled from those submitted at District Meetings or sent in to the Grand Lodge Office on the invitation of the Committee on Research and Education.
5. A short Masonic Play suitable for presentation in any Lodge regardless of how small that Lodge may be.

Inter-Lodge Visitation: I came to the conclusion that as a result of conditions too many of our Lodges were living to themselves and were getting a one Lodge outlook, thereby coming to the conclusion that all the ills and troubles were their particular lot. I have therefore devoted a great deal of energy to the promotion of Inter-Lodge Visitation, feeling that this was the best cure for a localized outlook. I donated a Travelling Volume of The Sacred Law which by the time of our District Meeting this year will have made a complete tour of the District and which I then intend to present to the District for annual competition amongst the Lodges in the matter of attendance. I also worked out a schedule of Inter-Lodge Visitation as between the Regina City Lodges during the winter months. My efforts along the lines of Inter-Lodge Visitations have met with outstanding success and I honestly feel that it will be impossible to estimate the good results that will accrue from this practice.

Craik Lodge No. 55: This splendid Lodge is in an unfortunate position in relation to the other Lodges in District No. 2 and I think would be much better served were it transferred to another District. In order to visit Craik Lodge I drove through Moose Jaw and it occurred to me that the Lodge might be placed in District No. 3 to much better advantage. I found this Lodge one of the best in my District and feel that the Brethren of this Lodge and Masonry generally would be benefitted were the Lodge in a District where the other Lodges were within more reasonable visiting distance.

I have enjoyed my year in office and have given my best efforts to the service of Masonry in District No. 2 and sincerely trust that I have made some contribution to the betterment of the Lodges in this District. I appreciate the opportunity given me to serve Masonry as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 2 for the year 1935-36.

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. WATSON,
D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 3.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 3.

The District is comprised of 15 Lodges, of which 11 are rural and 4 are in the City of Moose Jaw. I have visited them all at least once during the year.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Moose Jaw, on Friday, October 4th, 1935. All Lodges were represented. The afternoon session was opened at 2.30 p.m. and R.W. Bro. N. J. McDonald of Eyebrow presented the M.W. the Grand Master, V.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Asst. Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. J. D. Watson, D.D.G.M. District No. 2, R.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson, P.D.D.G.M., V.W. Bro. R. Mayes, G.S.D., and V.W. Bro. A. W. Ingall, G. Organist, who were welcomed, took their places in the East and accorded the Grand Honours. We were also pleased to have with us at this time M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, P.G.M., and 7 P.D.D.G.M's.

Minutes of the last District Meeting were read and approved. R.W. Bro. T. W. McPhail read his report as D.D.G.M. for 1934-35. Resignation of the District Secretary, being in the hands of the M.W. the Grand Master, the Brethren unanimously elected R.W. Bro. T. W. McPhail as the new District Secretary. The meeting was then turned over to V.W. Bro. Tate who in an efficient and instructive manner gave many valuable suggestions on Lodge Attendance, Masonic Study and Inter-Lodge Visitation.

W. Bro. W. J. McCauley, W.M. of St. George Lodge No. 136, acted as W.M. while the changes in the opening and closing ceremonies, the method of balloting and the floor work of the three degrees, were clearly explained and exemplified. V.W. Bro. Tate acted as Deacon, demonstrating the correct method of doing the work, while the M.W. the Grand Master offered comments and explanations. I believe this method of instruction is far superior to the old system of having a Lodge exemplify the work and then have same corrected.

The M.W. the Grand Master gave a short but effective address on the dangers of Communism, and stated that the Flag should be displayed in all Lodge rooms while the Lodge is in session.

Grand Lodge certificates were presented to R.W. Bro. T. W. McPhail and myself, respectively by R.W. Bro. N. J. McDonald. R.W. Bro. S. R. Stephens presented the certificates of appointment as G.S.D. to V.W. Bro. R. Mayes, and as G. Organist to V.W. Bro. A. W. Ingall. M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig gave a short address and moved that a trophy be presented at the next District Meeting to the Lodge with the best average attendance of resident members between March 31st, 1935, and March 31st, 1936. The close of the afternoon session was followed by a Board of Installed Masters.

The Brethren met in the Rose Room of McIntyre's Cafe for a social hour. R.W. Bro. S. R. Stephens presided at the festive board where an enjoyable time was spent with V.W. Bro. Ingall and his Masonic Orchestra. Bro. Geo. Baird rendered vocal selections.

The evening session was opened at 7.30 p.m. Selection of D.D.G.M. was the first order of business and the ballots showed that W. Bro. Jas. Thorouggood of Doric Lodge No. 71 was elected for the ensuing term.

Bro. N. Alcock of Mortlach Lodge No. 107 gave a splendid address on the "Application of Masonic Ethics," which was greatly appreciated. Next followed addresses by our appointed G.L. Officers, V.W. Bro. R. Mayes, G.S.D., taking as his subject, "Random Thoughts in Masonry," while V.W. Bro. A. W. Ingall, G. Organist, spoke on "Isms." Both addresses were highly commendable and greatly enjoyed.

The final address of the evening was given by the M.W. the Grand Master. His subject was "Visions of the Heart" and in his capable and delightful manner he stressed the broader meaning of Life and Living. It was a fitting end to another successful and instructive District Meeting. District No. 3 feel highly the honour of again having one of their number Grand Master of our Order.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig presented to M.W. Bro. Yorke, his certificate as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, after which the District Meeting was closed.

On my visits to the various Lodges I found that even with the disappointments again experienced in crop conditions, the standing of Masonry was very encouraging and in a favorable state. The benefits derived from the District Meeting was very noticeable, as I found most Lodges following the instructions which had been given by V.W. Bro. Tate with regard to the proper method of putting on the work, and each Lodge expressed their desire to have their work uniform with that of the other Lodges in the District.

The Brethren appreciate the papers sent out each month by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education and Research. Most of the Lodges have a Research Committee of their own, many of whom follow along the lines laid down by the Grand Lodge Committee; others prepare their own work.

The problem of arrears of dues is being tackled in earnest throughout the District; this is a local problem and various methods are being used. Eleven of our fifteen Lodges showing a decrease of arrears of dues from last year. Inter-Lodge Visitation has not been as pronounced as perhaps it might have been, but this is due mainly to reasons financial, rather than lack of interest. The average attendance is fair; I would recommend that reports be so given as to show the average attendance of resident members, rather than the present method, in order to gain a truer picture of the actual attendance. The financial condition of the District as a whole is good, only one Lodge not having a large surplus of assets over liabilities. The work of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund is fully understood and I am sure that as soon as times improve the Lodges will freely respond.

I was present at the 27th Anniversary of Caron Lodge No. 42, held on October 10th, 1935, and was privileged on behalf of the Caron Brethren, to welcome the M.W. the Grand Master, and his party, M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, who was the speaker of the evening, and V.W. Bro. A. W. Ingall. Caron Lodge is to be congratulated for the very enjoyable program they presented on this occasion; the chairs were filled by Past Masters, and a spirit of optimism and good-will pervaded.

In concluding, I wish to express my thanks to the Brethren who assisted me at the District Meeting, to the Secretaries of the various Lodges for their co-operation, and to the District Secretary, R.W. Bro. T. W. McPhail, for the assistance he rendered me at all times. I also wish to express my gratitude and thanks to the Brethren of District No. 3 for the honour they conferred upon me and, to the

Grand Master for confirming the appointment and thus giving me the opportunity of serving them. The kindness shown and the hearty welcome extended to me throughout the District will ever be remembered. I trust that in a small measure at least my efforts have been of service to you.

Fraternally submitted,
JOHN B. CLEMENTS,
D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 4.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 4.

The District Meeting, held at Fort Qu'Appelle on August 14th, 1935, was well attended, the nine Lodges composing the District being well represented. The first session opened at 2.30 and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary were received with honors. After the reading of the minutes the meeting proceeded with the business on the program. Much useful discussion took place on improvement of Lodge attendance, research study, visiting and other important questions.

Following the adjournment a Board of Installed Masters was opened and the Grand Secretary fully explained and demonstrated the work of the Board.

The evening session opened promptly at 7.30 and the selection of D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year was the next business. Bro. Rev. A. Ingram of Wolseley was the meeting's choice. The Grand Secretary then answered the questions which had been placed in the box during the afternoon session. A paper was given by Bro. Rev. A. Ingram on "Application of Masonic Ethics" and an address by the Grand Master was much appreciated by the meeting.

During my term of office I visited every Lodge in the District once officially and several two or three times, and was given a hearty reception on each occasion. I found all the Lodges carrying on splendidly and showing the true Masonic spirit by trying to carry out the principles taught. I am glad to report that each Lodge has dealt with the problem of arrears of dues in a sympathetic and kindly way. Inter-Lodge visiting is on the increase and during the summer and fall most of the Lodges will have visited each other.

One of the most interesting things to report is that three Lodges, viz.: Qu'Appelle Valley No. 4, Indian Head No. 5 and Qu'Appelle No. 6, celebrate their Fiftieth Anniversary in 1936. I had the privilege of attending the birthday celebration of Qu'Appelle No. 6 on April 14th—a memorable occasion. A Lodge session was held in the afternoon, and many interesting addresses given. R.W. Bro. Vicars read "The March of Time", reviewing the history of the Lodge for fifty years. Bro. Vicars, the oldest member of the Lodge, with a record of forty-four years' continuous membership, was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

Qu'Appelle Valley No. 4 will hold their birthday celebration on May 14th and Indian Head No. 5 early in June. Three Lodges in the same District celebrating their fiftieth anniversary is unique in the history of Saskatchewan Masonry.

Most of the Lodges have good average attendance and well planned meetings. Research work and question boxes are creating much interest. One Lodge had a "Roll Call Night" which was a decided success. I recommend this idea to the other Lodges as a means of getting in touch with Brethren who live at a distance and who have not communicated with their Lodge for a long time.

I have two recommendations to make to the Lodges of this District.

Firstly, it would do much to encourage regular attendance if pains were taken to plan interesting programs.

Secondly, the work of the Lodges will be stimulated and inspired if visiting between the Lodges of the District is encouraged.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me, and the Grand Master for confirming that honor.

Fraternally submitted,

ANDREW MOFFETT, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 5.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 5, a District comprising fourteen Lodges and a membership of approximately 1,360 Masons. My visitations began some nine months ago, visitations that were foreshadowed by some doubts and misgivings. Anyone even partially familiar with conditions in certain areas of District No. 5 will understand the psychology back of that statement—Lodges without candidates for years; Lodges with memberships hanging in the balance; Lodges with men in the Master's chair who had occupied that place of honor years ago.

Statistical information is given above in this report. But statistics do not tell the story of Freemasonry. The greatness of a great institution may not be measured by statistics. My doubts were dispelled and my misgivings began to evaporate when I made personal contact with those men. What did I find? Men challenging their difficulties, men expectant of change, men filled with a faith that enquires, men who (with mock candidates in many cases) surprised me with their mastery of the ritualistic art, men with whom it was a delight and an inspiration to gather around the festive board.

May I issue one warning. Masonry today, whether we will or no, is in competition with such splendid organizations as Rotary and Kiwanis. While Masonry has that which they have not, yet they are offering a something which we are failing to offer—the spirit of greeting, the spirit of the slap on the back, the practice of the psychology of "laugh and grow fat." What I am saying is this—there should be more informal gatherings of Masons of many Lodges, without the tiled recesses of the Lodge. Masonry, like the School and the Church, may isolate itself too much from the world.

I would issue a second warning. Masonry is based upon a profound philosophy. If it is to function with maximum potency in the life and living of the Brethren that philosophy must needs be interpreted. Master Masons—I speak from experience—crave the heights and depths of soul reflection. The external—the floor-work, the con-

ferring of degrees, the symbolisms—is not enough. It is the internal—the physical, the spiritual, the philosophy of the thing, that will cause the eyes of the soul to fix their attention on the Grand East.

The District Meeting held in October was of great benefit to the Brethren of District No. 5. The presence of the M.W. the Grand Master and V.W. Bro. Robt. Tate, their mode of procedure at the meeting, their readiness to assist by explanation and by demonstration, their sincerity for the cause, their encouragement and advice, scattered “blessings and benefits to all around.” Through these two men District No. 5 was enabled to take the road aright in the year 1935-36.

To my successor in office, R.W. Bro. Coxworth of Davidson Lodge, may I make one recommendation. Too many Lodges in District No. 5 meet either on the “Wednesday on or before” or on the “Thursday on or before.” For visitation purposes, whether by Brethren of neighboring Lodges or by the District Deputy, there is an inconvenience attached to such an arrangement. I see no reason why some adjustment of dates could not profitably be made.

To my successor in office may I also say that he will find the Brethren of District No. 5 awaiting his coming, that he will find the fourteen Lodge Secretaries and the District Secretary faithful in the discharge of their duties, that he will find the office of the Grand Secretary a ready help and willing source of encouragement and advice. I shall long remember the year I was privileged to work in close Masonic contact with the Brethren of District No. 5, and with V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate.

Fraternally submitted,

C. P. SEELEY, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 6.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 6.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Weyburn, on Thursday, August 8th, 1935. This meeting was called to order by the D.D.G.M. at 2.45 p.m. The M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary; M.W. Bro. C. P. Moore, P.G.M., and V.W. Bro. F. S. Scarrow were introduced by R.W. Bro. George Lythgoe, and accorded Grand Honors. The M.W. the Grand Master then ascended the Throne. The report of the D.D.G.M. for 1934 was not read owing to his not being able to attend this meeting.

M.W. Bro. Tate then took charge of the meeting and in his very capable and kindly manner proceeded to instruct the Brethren present in the new opening and closing ceremonies, method of balloting and parts of the three degrees; also the importance of preserving valuable Historical Records. The question box was then opened, and a number of questions were handed in by the Brethren present, after which a Board of Installed Masters was held.

The evening session opened at 7.30 p.m., when the selection of a D.D.G.M. for 1936 was proceeded with. W. Bro. J. C. Martin of Latomia Lodge No. 125 being elected. Questions from the Question

Box were then dealt with by M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate. W. Bro. F. W. James of Bruce Lodge No. 36, Francis, gave a very interesting paper on "Application of Masonic Ethics", followed by V.W. Bro. F. S. Scarrow of Yellow Grass Lodge No. 96, with a splendid paper on "What a Mason should be to his Community."

The M.W. the Grand Master brought the meeting to a close with an inspiring address, which was greatly appreciated by all present, and will long be remembered by them.

All Lodges in the District were represented but one. District No. 6 is now comprised of eleven Lodges, all of which it has been my privilege to visit during my term of office, and with one exception, have found all Lodges in a healthy condition, considering the trying conditions that have existed in this District for the past five or six years. Most Lodges in the District have directed their attention to research work of late, there being very few initiations during these trying times. Also, a number of the Lodges have been producing some of the Masonic plays from which they derive considerable interest and instruction, and I believe these two features have a great tendency to keeping up the interest in Lodge attendance. I would suggest that in the statistical table of constituent Lodges as published in the Grand Lodge Proceedings, a column be provided for members in Lodge Jurisdictions, as this would give a much truer picture of the average Lodge attendance than at the present time.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to the Brethren of District No. 6 for the very kindly and helpful treatment accorded me, especially by the Secretaries of the various Lodges, and also to M.W. Bro. Nicholson, P.G.M., of Prince Edward Island, who attended meetings at Radville and Ogema.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. COOPER, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 7.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 7.

The District is situated in the northwest part of the province, there are eleven Lodges, with a membership of 654. The District Meeting was held in North Battleford on Monday, the 29th day of July, all the Lodges in the District being represented. There were 112 signed the register including M.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke, Grand Master; M.W. Bro. Tate, Grand Secretary, and several other Past Grand Lodge Officers. The afternoon session opened at 2.30. The program laid down by the Grand Lodge was followed. R.W. Bro. J. E. McLarty read his report for the previous year. Short discussions suggested in the program were lead by the Grand Master or the Grand Secretary. The new opening and closing ceremonies were exemplified by the Grand Secretary and met with the approval of all present. The brethren were called from labor at 5 p.m. Following the afternoon session a Board of Installed Masters was held. The work was fully covered by M.W. Bro. Tate.

The first business at the evening session was the selection of a

D.D.G.M. for 1936-37. The ballot was passed and W. Bro. A. Bayter accepted the office and thanked the Brethren for their confidence in him and asked for their co-operation and support during his year in office. The questions placed in the Question Box during the afternoon session were ably answered by M.W. Bro. Tate. It is regrettable that there are not more questions asked. Lodges should make a point of collecting more of these questions that may arise which they are in doubt about and submit them to the Grand Secretary at the District Meetings, as the D.D.G.M. is not always in a position to answer them without taking them up with the Grand Lodge first.

Brother S. Ferguson, member of Borden Lodge, gave a paper on "The Application of Masonic Ethics," followed by a talk by V.W. Bro. Clink of Battle Lodge. The D.D.G.M. then called upon M.W. Bro. McNeil, P.G.M., and M.W. Bro. Tate, Grand Secretary. The meeting was closed by an interesting and instructive address by M.W. Bro. Yorke, Grand Master.

I had the pleasure of visiting all of the Lodges in the District at least once. As Radisson Lodge was about to change their quarters, I was instructed by the Grand Master to make a second visit to inspect their new community hall as to its fitness for Lodge purposes. I was unable to do any visiting until after the New Year, so had to depend on train service entirely. I was able to visit eight Lodges on their regular meeting nights and only three having emergent meetings, owing to the severe weather, the attendance was naturally affected, but great interest was shown. I would say that Masonry is in a healthy condition in this District and most of the Lodges are filling their places. I am quite sure that they are better communities for having a Masonic Lodge in their midst. The work, with few exceptions, was very well done. There were some irregularities. I was agreeably surprised at the uniformity of the work throughout the District. There is a slight improvement in the number of new members and I am quite sure that the work will improve as the Lodges get new material to work with. It is regrettable the large number of suspensions for N.P.D., and I hope that conditions will improve so that we will be able to retain our membership. I am pleased to report that through the co-operation of the Secretaries there are only two Historic Registers not complete.

I cannot close this report without making special mention of W. Bro. W. Pringle, member of Cut Knife Lodge, who was celebrating his 63rd year as a Mason in March when I paid my official visit to that Lodge. He assisted in the work of the First Degree. It was a very great pleasure to hear the oldest Mason in this District, if not the G.R.S., do his work so well.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation for the honour of being selected as D.D.G.M. of this District, of having the pleasure of meeting the Brethren in their own Lodges, and the hearty, cordial welcome shown me in the course of my official visits. I shall always cherish fond memories of the very pleasant associations of my term of office. I wish you the very best in the years that are to come.

"To each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass and a book of rules.
And each must fashion e're time be flown,
A stepping block or a stumbling stone."

Fraternally submitted,

ARTHUR E. ORCHARD,

D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 8.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 8.

In District No. 8 we are all in a very poor district regarding crop conditions. Notwithstanding, the spirit of Masonry never was brighter than at the present. Several new members have been taken into the various Lodges during the year. Exceptionally good material has been found in the men who have united with us during this past year. Masonry in every town and district of No. 8 is a distinct asset to the town and surrounding country.

While every Lodge in the District is finding the keeping up of Lodges a difficult matter, yet the work and influence of the Lodge is a work of great importance, an effort really worth while. From observations I have made personally during the year's work I think we are doing a great work and the influence is for good, not only among Lodge members but among those who are not members. The Masonic influence is far greater than the average Mason has any idea. I have seen many acts of kindness done by Masons to those outside that were prompted by the teaching in the Lodge. I do not approve of the amalgamation of Lodges in this District as I am of the opinion that every Lodge now instituted can carry on and each Lodge is filling an important place in our community and national life.

More stress should be placed on the social side of Masonry by Grand Lodge. In District No. 8 the social side and educational are fairly well kept up according to the information gathered at the meetings. A great deal of new material is in every district waiting for a revival of the times to get the necessary financial funds to join. I think a new Lodge might be formed at either Manor or Redvers as quite a large block of country in that section has no Masonic Lodge. This is a matter for the Grand Lodge to give consideration to when finances are a little more liquid.

Visiting sister Lodges has been carried on by nearly all Lodges in No. 8 with great success, also visits to the U.S.A. have brought about a very friendly feeling between our countries. Visiting does away with fortifications and breaks down narrow nationalism. The District Meeting at Arcola was well attended and much useful information was given by M.W. Bro. Tate during the afternoon session. In the evening a splendid address was given by M.W. Bro. Yorke, who stressed living our Masonry. Several Brothers thought we should rotate our District Meetings to give the different Lodges a chance to hear the information given at these gatherings.

It was pointed out that the Lodge having the meeting would have all the Brethren out in force while only a small number attend at a distance. This system in time would be far more conducive to spreading Masonic information than the present method. Amity Lodge No. 15, Carnduff, are holding a special gathering for the Brethren on both sides of the line some time in May, which should start the Inter-Lodge Visitations for the year in the south part of the District.

In conclusion, one cannot be a D.D.G.M. without learning a great deal of Masonry from the individual standpoint and also the influence

the Craft has on men collectively. Our Brethren are determined to carry on in spite of difficulties and when once more crop periods return to normal, Masonry will make rapid strides in District No. 8. Every Lodge in the District was visited once. Work is carried out according to proper form. Signs made well, decorum in opening and closing, Past Masters in every Lodge attend well and assist in keeping the work up to a very high standard. Oxbow, Boscurvis Lodge No. 39, had during the year, a contest between the Past Masters and other members as to which section could do the best Degree work. Lodges from the U.S.A. were present and also some sister Lodges. The contest stirred up great enthusiasm and the work is in better shape than ever before. The First Degree was exemplified. A similar contest is expected this coming year.

Fraternally submitted,

W. O. FRASER,
D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 9.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 9.

The District Meeting was held in Whitewood on August 13th, 1935, with 11 of the 12 Lodges represented. The meeting was opened at 3 p.m. The M.W. the Grand Master and M.W. Bro. Tate, Grand Secretary, were introduced and received with Grand Honours.

This being the first meeting since the four Lodges, namely Maryfield, Wawota, Composite and Connaught, were added to District No. 9, the D.D.G.M. welcomed the Brethren of those Lodges to District No. 9, pointing out the advantages of such a change and hoped that it would prove of benefit to the Craft and the District at large.

M.W. Bro. Tate led the discussion at the afternoon meeting. He explained the change with reference to the opening and closing and exemplified same. There was a lengthy discussion on the arrears of dues, the Benevolent Fund and Masonic Education and Research.

At the evening meeting the Grand Secretary answered in his usual able manner the questions put in the Question Box in the afternoon. The selection of the D.D.G.M. followed, and on the third ballot V.W. Bro. C. S. Hewitt of Maryfield Lodge No. 94 was selected.

The M.W. the Grand Master then delivered a very inspiring address which was listened to with great interest by the Brethren, bringing home to those present a realization of the security of the Craft under the British Flag, as compared with its fate in countries under dictatorships.

During the year I visited all the Lodges in the District except one. I had hoped to visit this Lodge but owing to the late spring and road conditions I was unable to do so. However, I have every reason to believe that this Lodge is making progress. I am pleased to report that I found most of the Lodges in a very favourable condition.

There has been very little degree work to do in most of the Lodges owing to financial conditions, but this has been greatly offset by the Brethren taking a keener interest in Masonic education and research. I believe there has been considerable progress made along these lines during the past few years as most of the Lodges have real live committees on Masonic Research.

There does not appear to be as much visiting between Lodges as I would like to see. This may be attributed to two reasons, financial conditions in districts where there has been a series of crop failures and the clashing of dates of meetings. There is a movement on the part of some of the Lodges to change their dates of meetings so as not to clash with other Lodges, which should stimulate visiting to a marked degree. I found the fraternal spirit among the Brethren of most Lodges very satisfactory, with but one or two exceptions where friction has been allowed to enter into the Lodge, which is proving detrimental both in attendance and enthusiasm.

The matter of arrears of dues is a real concern in some of the Lodges. The officers of the several Lodges are dealing very sympathetically with the Brethren and in many instances dues have been remitted by the Lodge. I find that each individual case is dealt with on its merits.

In conclusion I wish to take the opportunity to thank the Brethren for the honour conferred upon me, a position which I did not warrant, but which I tried to fill to the best of my ability. It has been a pleasure to meet the Brethren of the different Lodges and their hearty co-operation has been greatly appreciated. I wish particularly to thank the Brethren of Ashlar Lodge who so kindly co-operated with me and accompanied me on several of my visits.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. BASKIE,

D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 10.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 10.

The District Meeting was held at Canora on August 5th and was honoured with the presence of the M.W. the Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary. Recent rains had rendered roads from the northern part of the District very difficult and attendance from Lodges north and east of Canora was reduced on this account. A telegram was received from V.W. Bro. H. M. P. DeRoche, regretting his inability to attend on account of impassable roads. The discussion on Lodge Attendance, Masonic Study and Inter-Lodge Visitation brought out a number of valuable suggestions.

At the evening session a very interesting address was given by Bro. W. M. Tepton on the "Application of Masonic Ethics." The M.W. the Grand Master in a very moving address appealed to the Brethren to guard the Ancient Landmarks from organized efforts now being made to encroach upon them.

It is with deep regret that I have to report that I visited only five Lodges during my term of office. Early snow prevented the

use of cars fully a month earlier than usual while my business affairs would not permit of my absence for three and four days at a time as would have been required to reach some of the Lodges by train. The Lodges visited appeared to be carrying on the work in splendid style and a study of the notices of meetings indicated that many of the Lodges had attracted new material while nearly all were allotting time to Masonic study. The new form of opening and closing appears to have met with general approval and in some quarters urgent pleas were heard for further advance along these lines.

Two happy events merit special attention. On September 11th King Solomon Lodge celebrated its Silver Jubilee. Being unwell at the time, I refrained from attempting the trip over difficult roads. Those who were able to attend reported having enjoyed a royal welcome from the Brethren of King Solomon Lodge and a most instructive address by V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, the Assistant Grand Secretary.

On September 26th I had the pleasure of attending the Silver Jubilee of Melville Lodge No. 62. Here again the welcome extended by the Melville Brethren was most cordial and the occasion was honoured by the presence of the M.W. the Grand Master, accompanied by the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, the Assistant Grand Secretary and distinguished visitors from Ontario.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Brethren of this District for the honour conferred on me, to acknowledge the kindly welcomes extended by the Lodges visited and further to acknowledge the several kind invitations received from Lodges which I have not yet reached.

Faternally submitted,

LESLIE KEENE, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 11.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 11.

The District Meeting was held at Pennant on August 1st, 1935, nine of the eleven Lodges which comprise the District being represented. Attendance was quite good considering the weather conditions. Rain the previous day had, no doubt, some effect in lowering the attendance. The meeting was opened at 2.30 p.m. by the D.D.G.M., after which the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary were immediately received in due form. The Grand Secretary gave a very practical talk on Lodge affairs and brief reports were received from representatives of each Lodge present, as to their methods of handling their affairs and maintaining the interest of members. A very instructive paper was read by W. Bro. A. E. Miscampbell of Mount Hermon Lodge on the "Application of Masonic Ethics," which was much appreciated.

The new opening and closing ceremonies were exemplified by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, and it was noticed on my official visits that the Lodges not represented at District Meeting

did not have this new work in hand as well as those who were represented.

W. Bro. A. E. Miscampbell was selected D.D.G.M. for 1936-37 on the first ballot. The Grand Master's address was greatly appreciated as were also the Grand Secretary's demonstration and explanation of the approach to the Altar in the Third Degree and his address on the chart.

The members of Mount Hermon Lodge proved themselves wonderful hosts but on account of the possibility of wet roads, I would say that it is in the best interests of the District as a whole that the meeting be held at some Lodge located on No. 1 Highway, which is sure then to be accessible to six Lodges of the District.

My next duty was to arrange with R.W. Bro. J. M. Courtney, D.D.G.M. of District No. 2, G.R.A., for a sort of inter-provincial meeting in Medicine Hat on September 11th in connection with their District Meeting. All the Lodges of this District were invited to attend this meeting and in addition Eastend and Shaunavon Lodges were also invited. The meeting was unique in that we had in attendance the Grand Masters of Alberta and of Saskatchewan and a P.G.M. of Nova Scotia, M.W. Bro. Harris, a noted author of Masonic plays. One of his plays, "For the Honour of the Craft," was presented by members of Medicine Hat Lodge and M.W. Bro. Harris was asked to be critic. He complimented the cast and had much praise for their interpretation of the play. At the banquet in the evening, attended by two hundred and fifty Masons, in addition to excellent addresses from our own Grand Master and others, M.W. Bro. Harris gave an outstanding Masonic address which, in the opinion of those present, was ample justification for the holding of this meeting.

It is a matter of deep regret that R.W. Bro. Courtney, who presided so ably at this meeting, was called to the Grand Lodge Above before the end of the year, a victim of a heart condition accentuated no doubt by his Masonic activities, in which he never spared himself.

During my term of office I have made one official visit to each of the eleven Lodges and have visited three of them on several occasions. The great distances between some of the Lodges in this District prevent more frequent visits. For instance, Maple Creek Lodge and Morse Lodge are more than a hundred and forty miles apart. In all Lodges I found a good spirit prevailing among the Brethren and in spite of trying conditions, the interest being quite well maintained. In all the Lodges of the District I endeavoured to present as forcefully as I could the duties and responsibilities which devolve upon those who are privileged to be members of our Ancient and Honourable Order, in relation to the local Lodge, the Craft at large and to the outside world. The kind reception of my remarks in the various Lodges encourages me to hope that I may have rendered some service to Masonry by so doing.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Brethren of this District for the honour conferred upon me by being allowed to serve in this capacity, and also for the very kind and considerate reception extended by all the Lodges on the occasion of my visits. I value highly the many friendships established as a result of the year's work and shall continue to hope that the true spirit of Masonry may increasingly abound among the Brethren of this District. I could wish them nothing better.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. STEWART, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 12.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 12.

The District Meeting was held in Eston on July 31st, 1935. The attendance was fairly good, every Lodge being represented. The meeting was opened at 2.30 p.m. and the Brethren had the pleasure of receiving with Grand Honours M.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke, Grand Master; M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary, and V.W. Bro. E. H. Scarlett. The District Secretary being absent, R.W. Bro. A. Wilson of Rosetown kindly consented to act as Secretary of the meeting.

The report of the D.D.G.M. was read. The Grand Secretary gave a very instructive address on the important subjects of "Lodge Affairs, Arrears of Dues, Remission of Dues, Suspension and Educational Work of Grand Lodge." V.W. Bro. Scarlett gave a fine paper also. Questions were asked to be placed in the Question Box and answered at the evening session.

The M.W. the Grand Master gave a very inspiring address which was greatly appreciated by everyone. M.W. Bro. Tate also gave a short address in his usual capable manner. W. Bro. Bishop of Alsask was selected D.D.G.M. for the year 1936.

I visited every Lodge in the District once and found the Officers very proficient in their work and the best of harmony among the Brethren. Membership in this District has been well maintained considering the hard times they have passed through and with the return of normal conditions I look for greater prospects for District No. 12.

On March 28th, 1936, Masonry in District No. 12 lost one of its outstanding members in the person of R.W. Bro. R. M. Lindsay of Tuberosa Lodge, who passed on to the Grand Lodge Above.

Finally, I wish to thank the Brethren of District No. 12 for the great privilege of serving as D.D.G.M. and for the cordial reception and many kindnesses extended to me and especially to those Brethren who gave freely of their time in accompanying me to the various Lodges and assisted in making the meetings successful.

Fraternally submitted,

S. HENNING, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 13.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 13.

The District consists of twelve Lodges, all of which I have visited with the exception of Paragon Lodge, Kelfied, No. 118. I had arranged to visit there but the early winter storms blocked the roads and it will not be possible to go until cars are running again.

The District Meeting was held at Unity on Tuesday, July 20th, 1935, and was opened promptly at 2.30 p.m. There was a good attend-

ance though not quite as good as in former years. The meeting was honoured by the presence of M.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke, the Grand Master; M.W. Bro. Tate, Grand Secretary; M.W. Bro. J. W. McNeill, Past Grand Master; V.W. Bro. W. L. Clink of Battleford. Five P.D.D.G.M.'s. were also present. There was a useful discussion under the guidance of the Grand Secretary on "How to Promote Lodge Attendance," "How to Promote Masonic Study," and "How to Promote Lodge Visitation." Also "The Importance of Preserving Valuable Masonic Records," and "Having the Historical Record Written Up to Date." The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary gave an exemplification of the new opening and closing ceremonies. The Grand Secretary answered many questions on the floor work of the three degrees and explained the method of balloting. A Board of Installed Masters was opened and given instruction by the Grand Secretary. The meeting was then adjourned until 7.45 p.m. At the evening session W. Bro. J. M. Scott of Unity Lodge No. 73, was selected D.D.G.M. for the coming year. The questions submitted in the Question Box were fully answered by the Grand Secretary. V.W. Bro. Clink gave an address on "What We are Worth to Liberty." The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke, spoke on "The Dangers of Communism" and the extremes to which it went. A penetrating address on "The Application of Masonic Ethics" was given by V.W. Bro. F. E. Jaenicke. M.W. Bro. J. W. McNeill gave an inspiring address on "The Development of Personality Through the Teachings of Masonry." After an address by the M.W. the Grand Master on "The Impulses of the Heart or Heart Vision", for which hearty thanks were given, the session was brought to a close. After a short recess the Brethren of Unity Lodge gave a one-act play, "Harmony Being the Support," which was well received.

It has been a great pleasure and privilege to me to visit the various Lodges as D.D.G.M. and I wish to thank the M.W. the Grand Master and the Brethren of this District for the honour conferred upon me. I find the Lodges governed by very careful and efficient officers, who are well skilled and uphold the teachings of Masonry. Many of the Lodges are putting up a bold fight against financial difficulties which I have no doubt will soon be remedied by the return of prosperity. Masonic study is taking a prominent place in the Lodge meetings and the members show a keen interest in the work. In all the Lodges the records are well kept and the Historical Register written to date.

I thank the Brethren of this District for the courtesy and kindness extended to me during my visitation which have made my term of office a real pleasure. I wish District No. 13 prosperity in the future.

Faternally submitted,

JOHN DAVIDSON, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 14.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 14.

This District has an area of about 15,000 square miles, all of which is situated in what is commonly known as "The Drought Area." The residents depend almost wholly on wheat farming and ranching. Owing to the long period of drought many residents have abandoned their lands and moved away. There are thirteen constituent Lodges composing a total membership, including both resident and non-resident, of 765. There is no record of the number of unaffiliated Masons in the District.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple in Shaunavon, near the west end of the District, on August 2nd, 1935. Two days of intermittent heavy rains, although very welcome, made the roads almost impassable and not only prevented representatives of no less than seven of the thirteen Lodges from coming but delayed others to such an extent that the afternoon session was cancelled. The meeting was opened at 7 p.m. by the D.D.G.M. in prescribed form. There were present five Masters, twenty-nine Past Masters, seven Wardens and thirty-one Master Masons. The M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, the Grand Secretary, accompanied by R.W. Bros. J. A. Coulter, H. M. Underhill, E. M. VanNest and V.W. Bro. W. A. Harper, Grand Steward, were received and accorded the Grand Honours. The M.W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary gave a most clear and comprehensive exemplification and explanation of the changes in the opening and closing ceremonies, important sections of the Third Degree and the proper method of balloting. W. Bro. W. G. Bock of Azure Lodge No. 122, of Eastend, gave an interesting and impressive address on "Masonic Ethics." The selection of the D.D.G.M. was decided in favour of W. Bro. W. G. Bock upon the first vote. The presentation to the District of three gavels with rules as to their use was made by your D.D.G.M. as a new means to further promote inter-Lodge visits and the Masonic educational work. The rules provided that the gavels would be started at a selected Lodge. This Lodge would invite another Lodge to make a visit to obtain the gavels. Such a Lodge in order to qualify for the right to take the gavels home with them would give a programme of at least twenty minutes of Masonic educational work. At the same time, all other Lodges in the District would be notified of the occasion. A separate registration book for these meetings would be used and in this way it was contemplated that the three gavels would travel from Lodge to Lodge throughout our District, when at the completion of the year a record would be compiled from the special register showing the Lodge in the District having the largest number of members visiting these special meetings in proportion to its membership. The gavels would then be presented to this Lodge for their permanent use. The register and special minutes of each meeting placed therein was to become the property of your D.D.G.M. as a souvenir of his year of service. The meeting was brought to a close by an interesting and encouraging address entitled "A Vision in Your Heart" delivered by the M.W. the Grand Master, which in itself well repaid those who had struggled over the bad roads and succeeded in being in attendance.

My year of office has added another section to the long period through extreme difficulties. It is out of the question to even outline the nature of the obstacles peculiar to the drought area that stand in the way of material and spiritual progress. A detailed picture would give one some conception of the exceptional trials that human beings can stand up against and still maintain their faith and hope in working a way through. I am happy to be able to report that

individually and collectively our Masons have carried on a splendid fight through these years of trial and there is now the reason to expect the future holds a reward for their well fought battle. Their success has only been made possible because of the firm foundation, well constructed through the past years, upon which the Craftsmen have been erecting a super-structure that may well be termed a temple of wisdom, strength and beauty. The construction of this foundation and the building of the temple have been made possible mainly because of the excellent material furnished by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education and Research. One can truthfully say that every Lodge meeting in the District, by the use of such material, has been made the source of courage and inspiration for the members to carry on their fight. Such courage and inspiration can only be created and maintained by a growing understanding of the spiritual lessons derived from the study of our system of symbolism assisted by the methods devised for us and the material furnished through the committee in question. Without such assistance what a hopeless state of affairs we would have today and the one thing that gives us the right to an optimistic view of the future is the expectation that this good work will be carried on.

In carrying out my work for the year I deemed that I should act as a messenger of good-will, encouragement and cheer to the Brethren from the M.W. the Grand Master. This policy was sincerely followed in all my official and unofficial visits to the Lodges and my personal contacts with the individual members. I made one official visit to each Lodge in the District. On seven of these visits I spent a whole day in calling upon the officers and members and thus becoming personally acquainted with them and their problems. The fact that the Brethren appreciated the spirit of Masonic fellowship was in evidence at the meetings.

It is a pleasure to report that the financial condition with our Lodges has very much improved. The total liability of the Lodges in the District only amounts to \$419.00. Of this sum nearly two-thirds is owing by one Lodge. It is the youngest Lodge in the District but the Lodge home provides ample equity above the liability. Ten Lodges in the District have each initiated one or more candidates. The question of arrears of dues is being dealt with in a truly Masonic manner and that vexatious problem will be an easier one for my successor.

Every Lodge in the District has complied with the thoughtful request of the M.W. the Grand Master to have the Union Jack on display in each Lodge room. It was gratifying, therefore, to have the Flag of the Empire thus in place on the sad occasion of the death of our gracious sovereign, the late King George the Fifth. The loss to the Empire was keenly felt by all our members. Fitting tribute has been paid to his memory by each of the Lodges at their first regular meetings after his demise.

In conclusion I wish to thank the officers and Brethren of the constituent Lodges for the many courtesies and kindnesses extended to me. I have done what I could to uphold the dignity of the Craft by spreading the message of brotherly love, relief and truth. We met upon the level and we parted on the square.

Fraternally submitted,

H. ELLIOTT, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 15.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 15.

This District is comprised of ten Lodges all of which I visited at least once. The District Meeting was held in Humboldt on August 6th. We were honoured by the presence of M.W. Grand Master Yorke and M.W. Grand Secretary Tate, and Grand Organist V.W. Bro. Stackhouse. The attendance was small, only 6 of the 10 Lodges being represented, which was regrettable as we had a very interesting meeting. The Grand Master's address was instructive and inspiring and the Grand Secretary instructed us in the changes in the opening and closing ceremony and answered the questions from the Question Box in his usual able manner. R.W. Bro. Spurgeon, Past D.D.G.M., read his report for the District for the past year and also a paper sent in by V.W. Bro. McKenzie of Quill Lake, Grand Steward, who was unable to attend. A splendid paper on the ethics of Masonry was given by W. Bro. H. A. Whitman of Wynyard. The Grand Secretary opened a Lodge of Installed Masters and coached us in the rite. V.W. Bro. Stackhouse of Lanigan Lodge was selected D.D.G.M. for next year.

In my visits to the several Lodges I find a sound healthy condition in all except one. This Lodge has been unfortunate in removals from the District. Of the 64 who have signed their bylaws, only 18 live in the District now, and as they have only dirt roads with adverse weather on meeting nights, have a hard time to carry on.

I live thirty-five miles from this Lodge and only succeeded in getting there through a rain storm to pay my official visit on May 6th. I know a number of these Brethren and they are good Masons at heart so can only recommend that Grand Lodge encourage them to carry on and do better.

I wish to thank the Brethren of District No. 15 for the honour they conferred on me as well as for the delightful reception they gave me on my official visits.

Fraternally submitted,

ANGUS STEWART,
D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 16.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 16.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple at Govan, August 7th, 1935, at which every Lodge in the District was represented, some 81 members being present.

We were honored by the presence of the M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, M.W. Bro. J. O. Clarke, V.W. Bro. J. Nottingham, and several P.D.D.G.M.'s of the District. The address of the

M.W. the Grand Master was very instructive and well received. M.W. Bro. Tate was in his usual good form, his instruction on Degree work was very much appreciated by the Brethren present.

At 5.30 p.m. the meeting adjourned for a banquet served by the members of Corinthian Chapter, O.E.S. W. Bro. T. L. Lloyd welcomed the members on behalf of the Town of Govan. The M.W. the Grand Master expressed his thanks for the very enjoyable repast provided.

On resuming the meeting W. Bro. C. V. Bunch of Govan Lodge gave a very interesting paper on Masonic Ethics which was well received. V.W. Bro. J. Nottingham also added to the interest of the evening with a very fine paper. Discussion arising from the Question Box was very ably handled by M.W. Bro. Tate. W. Bro. F. Richardson of Semans Lodge was the choice of the meeting as D.D.G.M. and expressed his thanks for the honour.

It has been my pleasure to visit every Lodge in the District where I found plenty of enthusiasm among the members. I was able to arrange inter-Lodge visits in several instances and have the visiting Lodge exemplify the Degree. The idea was to stimulate visitation and in one case I was able to bring two Lodges together that had not visited for three years although situated less than 10 miles apart. To further the idea of visitation, I purchased a gavel, to be known as the Travelling Gavel, which I presented to the Master of Long Lake Lodge on my official visit and requested that it be presented to every Lodge in the District at least once a year. At points where crop conditions are improving I find the members are paying up their arrears of dues and regaining their former interest in Masonry.

I must convey my congratulations to the Lodges in this District for the care they have shown in electing their Secretaries. Every Lodge I visited I found the books and records in first class shape and a well skilled Brother holding this position. This was a great help to myself and no doubt to the Masters of the respective Lodges.

During my visits I was most cordially and fraternally received and the memory of these pleasant gatherings will ever be a pleasure to me and I would bespeak the same courtesy for my successor, W. Bro. F. Richardson. At this time I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the many kindnesses shown me and the hearty co-operation I received from all the members.

Fraternally submitted,

S. J. CAUGHT,
D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 17.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 17.

The District Meeting was held at Hawarden on August 15th, 1935. The District comprises eleven Lodges and every Lodge but one was represented. We were very pleased to have with us the M.W. the Grand Master, V.W. Bro. Robt. Tate, Assistant Grand

Secretary, and R.W. Bro. J. D. Watson, D.D.G.M. for District No. 2, as well as several Past D.D.G.M.'s of the District.

The meeting opened promptly at 2.30 and after the Grand Lodge Officers had been fittingly received, V.W. Bro. Robt. Tate took charge of the discussion in a very pleasing manner. This discussion uncovered much helpful information in regard to Degree work, Masonic research, new opening and closing Ceremonies and other phases of our Lodge work. After which a Board of Installed Masters was opened and some very helpful instruction given by the M.W. the Grand Master. The Brethren were called from labour at 6 o'clock to a splendid supper provided by the ladies of Hawarden Chapter, O.E.S.

The meeting re-convened at 7.30 when W. Bro. John Sinclair of Dunblane Lodge was selected D.D.G.M. for the incoming term. V.W. Bro. Robt. Tate then opened the Question Box which he disposed of in a very satisfactory manner. V.W. Bro. Annis of Riverhurst Lodge gave a very interesting address on "Landmarks of Masonry", and W. Bro. Platt of Hawarden Lodge gave a paper on the "Application of Masonic Ethics", both of which were greatly appreciated by the Brethren. The meeting then concluded with a splendid address by the M.W. the Grand Master.

I had the pleasure of visiting every Lodge in the District at least once. While the whole District has suffered severely for the past six years from drought and financial worries, I think I can honestly say that the Brethren of District No. 17 are carrying on wonderfully well under existing conditions. I am sure that just as soon as normal conditions return District No. 17 will be able to take care of all its problems and forge ahead as usual. Two outstanding meetings were held during the year, one at Outlook, where they celebrated their 25th anniversary, with a large number present and when a very enjoyable time was spent; the other at Lucky Lake, when they put on a special program which was attended by the M.W. the Grand Master. A very pleasant and instructive meeting was held. Eight Lodges out of eleven in the District were represented which I think speaks well for the Brethren of District No. 17.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Brethren of District No. 17 for the privilege of serving them as their D.D.G.M., also for the cordial reception and splendid co-operation I received on all my visits.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. E. PETTMAN,
D.D.G.M.

Report of Grand Treasurer

The Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. J. C. Moore, submitted the following report, which, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. C. Moore and W. Bro. D. Fraser, was received, and with the Auditor's Report, referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the M.W. The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Once again I have pleasure in submitting my report as your Treasurer and attach hereto statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended March 31st, 1936.

The details of the Benevolent Fund payments will be found in the report of the President of the Board.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1936.

GENERAL FUND

Receipts:

Cash on Hand March 31st, 1936:

Contingent Fund \$ 50.00

Bank Balance, March 31st, 1935 2,562.86

Dues and Fees:

Membership Dues \$ 7,170.20

Initiation Fees 772.00

Affiliation Fees 133.00

Commuted Life Membership 869.00

Past Master and other Certificates 151.00

9,095.20

General Receipts:

Dispensations 125.00

Sale of Supplies 413.50

Interest on Bonds, etc. 813.74

Benevolent Fund Grant 100.00

1,452.24

\$ 13,160.30

Payments:

Travelling Expenses, G.M., D.D.G.M.'s, Grand Secretary and Board of General Purposes \$ 1,093.11

Salaries and Honoraria 5,270.00

Rents 1,218.00

Supplies for Resale 156.25

P.G.M.'s Regalia 165.00

Bonds for Grand Treasurer, Grand Sec'y. and Asst. 18.75

Flowers 10.00

Printing, Postage and Stationery 1,362.57

Sundry Office Expenses 185.19

Miscellaneous Grand Lodge Expenses 229.68

Masonic Relief and Charity 50.00

Cash in hands of Assistant Grand Secretary, Contingent Fund 50.00

Bank Balance, less Outstanding Cheques 3,351.75

\$ 13,160.30

BENEVOLENT FUND

Receipts:

Bank Balances, March 31st, 1935 \$ 3,980.74

Refund of Advances 309.00

Initiation Levy 1,940.00

Per Capita Levy 4,767.70

Interest on Bonds and Bank Interest 15,796.75

Bonds Redeemed 31.45

\$ 26,825.64

Payments:

Bonds Purchased	\$ 2,610.30	
Accrued Interest	33.03	
		\$ 2,643.33
Relief Payments		17,602.45
Board Trustees' Expense		89.15
Grant to General Fund re Expenses		100.00
Bank Balance, March 31st, 1936—Savings	6,355.15	
Current Account	35.56	
		6,390.71
		\$ 26,825.64

EDUCATIONAL FUND

Receipts:

Bank Balance, March 31st, 1935	\$ 397.04
Repayment of Loan	8.14
Interest on Bonds and at Bank	96.26
	\$ 501.44

Payments:

Advance	\$ 200.00
Bank Balance, March 31st, 1936	301.44
	\$ 501.44

Fraternally submitted,

J. C. MOORE,

Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

J. W. ROSBOROUGH, C.A.,

Auditor.

Auditor's Report

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:—

I have audited the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and submit the following schedules which, in my opinion, sets out the true financial position of Grand Lodge and the Benevolent Fund.

Schedule A.—Benevolent Fund Investments.

Schedule B.—General Fund Investments.

Schedule C.—Educational Fund Investments.

Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheet for the General Fund, Benevolent Fund and Educational Fund, also a Consolidated Surplus Account.

The Grand Treasurer will submit a statement of Receipts and Payments for the General, Benevolent and Educational Funds which statements I have audited and found correct.

The details of payments from Benevolent Fund have been audited by me and will appear in the report of the President of the Benevolent Fund Trustees.

I have examined all the securities held by the several funds and found them in order as shown on the several schedules, and have also checked the supplies on hand for resale.

Forty-four Lodges remitted dues to some of their members and retained \$214.25 Grand Lodge fees as provided for by resolution of Grand Lodge in 1934. Of this number only six retained over \$5.00, leaving an average of \$2.84 for each of the other thirty-eight.

All Lodges have sent in their returns but five have not been able to pay up in full and the total in arrears is \$295.50 of which \$129.00 is owed by three Lodges on their returns of a year ago.

The relief paid out by the Benevolent Fund, less refunds, amounts to \$17,293.45 which is an increase over last year of \$2,231.25 and it was necessary to take \$1,637.32 from the reserve fund to meet requirements.

Schedule A—BENEVOLENT FUND INVESTMENTS

Province of Saskatchewan Bonds	Face Value	Book Value
4 % 1957	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 752.40
4 % 1953	2,000.00	1,701.60
4½ % 1945	1,000.00	864.80
4½ % 1951	30,000.00	26,163.10
4½ % 1955	2,000.00	1,557.60
4½ % 1956	1,000.00	977.50
4½ % 1957	5,000.00	4,610.10
4½ % 1960	2,000.00	1,595.00
4½ % 1957	5,000.00	4,553.20
5 % 1943	1,000.00	965.00
5½ % 1952	2,000.00	1,868.00
5 % 1959	2,000.00	1,850.00
5 % 1960 F.L.	84,500.00	84,014.55
5½ % 1946	23,000.00	24,092.50
6 % 1952	12,000.00	11,571.75
5 % 1954 F.L. Registered	46,000.00	42,958.30
5 % 1958	11,000.00	9,860.00
Dominion Government Guaranteed		
3 % 1962 G.T.P.	973.33	968.46
4½ % 1956 C.N.R.	5,000.00	5,422.50
5 % 1954 C.N.R.	40,500.00	46,980.00
4 % 1945 Dominion of Canada	500.00	532.50
4½ % 1949 Dominion of Canada	1,000.00	1,095.00
7 % 1940 Town of Moosomin	193.55	193.55
6 % 1950 Saskatoon S.D. No. 13	1,000.00	1,119.90
6½ % 1951 Regina S.D. No. 4	2,000.00	2,206.00
5 % 1953 City of Moose Jaw	2,000.00	1,960.60
4½ % 1959 City of Saskatoon	10,000.00	8,758.00
5 % 1941 City of Saskatoon	500.00	435.00
5 % 1959 City of Saskatoon	1,000.00	950.50
4½ % 1949 City of Regina	2,000.00	1,874.40
5 % 1957 City of Regina	3,000.00	3,023.40
5 % 1959 City of Regina	5,000.00	4,875.00
5 % 1940 City of Regina	1,000.00	900.00
6½ % 1941 City of Regina	2,000.00	2,258.00
4 % 1966 City of Prince Albert	12,166.66	6,691.66
	<u>\$320,333.54</u>	<u>\$310,199.87</u>

Schedule B—GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS

5½%	1946 Prov. of Saskatchewan	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,200.00
4½%	1951 Prov. of Saskatchewan	10,000.00	7,911.00
5 %	1957 City of Regina	2,000.00	2,015.60
3 %	1962 G.T.P. Dom. Gov't. Gtd.	1,460.00	965.63
		<u>\$ 17,460.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,092.23</u>

Schedule C—EDUCATIONAL FUND

4½%	1960 Prov. of Saskatchewan	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,595.00
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GENERAL FUND—Revenue Account
For the Year Ended 31st March, 1936.

Revenue:

Dues, Fees, etc., collected	9,029.70	
Dues, Fees, etc., reported but not paid	99.90	
	<u> </u>	\$ 9,129.60
Dispensations		125.00
Interest earned on Bonds		813.74
Profit on Sale of Supplies		138.86
Grant from Benevolent Fund		100.00
		<u>\$ 10,307.20</u>

Expenditure:

Travelling Expenses:		
D. D. G. M.'s	\$ 246.89	
Board of General Purposes	264.97	
G.M., Grand Secretary and Assistant	581.25	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,093.11
Salaries and Honoraria		5,270.00
Printing, Postage and Stationery		1,362.57
Rents		1,218.00
Flowers		10.00
P.G.M.'s Regalia		165.00
Sundry Office Expenses		185.19
Bonds, Grand Treasurer, Grand Sec'y. and Assistant		18.75
Masonic Relief and Charity		50.00
Miscellaneous Grand Lodge Expense		229.68
Depreciation Furniture		106.41
Depreciation Regalia		26.63
Net Revenue to Surplus		571.86
		<u>\$ 10,307.20</u>

GENERAL FUND—Balance Sheet
As at March 31st, 1936.

Assets:

Contingent Fund Cash in Hands of Assistant Grand Secretary	\$ 50.00
Bank Balance, less Outstanding Cheques	3,351.75
Supplies for Sale	743.61
Furniture, less Depreciation	1,702.91
Regalia, less Depreciation	426.13
Investments as per Schedule B	15,092.23

Accrued Interest on Bonds	342.03
Per Capita Levy reported but not paid	164.20
	<u>\$ 21,872.86</u>

Liabilities:

Surplus as at March 31st, 1935	\$21,301.00	
Add Surplus for current year	571.86	
	<u>\$21,872.86</u>	
		<u>\$ 21,872.86</u>

BENEVOLENT FUND—Revenue Account
For Year Ended March 31st, 1936.

Revenue:

Initiation Levy		\$ 1,930.00
Per Capita Levy—Collected	\$4,724.70	
Per Capita Levy—Uncollected	66.60	
	<u>\$ 4,791.30</u>	
Interest Earned		15,845.28
Over-expenditure charged to Relief Surplus		1,637.32
		<u>\$ 24,203.90</u>

Expenditure:

Relief Payments, less Refunds	\$17,293.45
Grant to General Fund	100.00
Expenses, Board of Trustees	89.15
Transferred to Capital Surplus	6,721.30
	<u>\$ 24,203.90</u>

BENEVOLENT FUND—Balance Sheet

Assets:

Bank Balances		\$ 6,390.71
Initiation Levy reported but unpaid	\$ 20.00	
Per Capita Levy reported but unpaid	111.30	
	<u>131.30</u>	
Accrued Interest		4,266.73
Investments per Schedule A		310,199.87
		<u>\$320,988.61</u>

Liabilities:

Capital Surplus as at March 31st, 1935	\$288,935.79	
Current Year's Increase per Revenue Acc.	6,721.30	
	<u>\$295,657.09</u>	
Relief Reserve as at March 31st, 1935	26,968.84	
Deduct over-expenditure for year	1,637.32	
	<u>25,331.52</u>	
		<u>\$320,988.61</u>

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Revenue Account

For the Year Ended 31st March, 1936.

Revenue:

Interest Earned	\$ 96.26
	<u>\$ 96.26</u>

Expenditure:

Net Gain for year	\$ 96.26
	<u>\$ 96.26</u>

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Balance Sheet

Assets:

Bank Balance March 31st, 1936	\$ 301.44
Advances to Teachers	1,670.00
Investments Schedule C	1,595.00
Accrued Interest	3.70
	<u>\$ 3,570.14</u>

Liabilities:

Surplus as at March 31st, 1935	\$ 3,473.88
Add Net Earnings for year	96.26
	<u>\$ 3,570.14</u>

CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT

As at March 31st, 1936.

Total Surplus, March 31st, 1935	\$340,679.51	
Net Gain—General Fund	571.86	
Net Gain—Benevolent Fund, Capital Account	6,721.30	
Net Loss—Benevolent Fund, Relief Reserve		\$ 1,637.32
Net Gain—Educational Fund	96.26	
Total Surplus—March 31st, 1936	346,431.61	
	<u>\$348,068.93</u>	<u>\$348,068.93</u>

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. ROSBOROUGH, C.A.,

Auditor.

Grand Secretary's Report

The Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, submitted the following report, which, on motion of M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate and R.W. Bro. A. M. Bell, was received and with the report of the Assistant Grand Secretary, referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

I herewith submit my 22nd Annual Report as Grand Secretary.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge my duties during the past year have been confined to:

- (a) The administration of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund.
- (b) Supervising the Grand Lodge Masonic Educational Program.
- (c) Attendance at the District Meetings and furnishing instruction in the esoteric work at same.
- (d) Acting in an advisory capacity in all matters pertaining to the Grand Lodge Office.

Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund

Saskatchewan Masonry could not have a truer or higher expression than the work being done to relieve distress through our Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. In all our organized efforts there is none that so reflects the true spirit of Freemasonry as when we as Masons stand shoulder to shoulder to soothe the afflictions and relieve the necessities of our Brethren and their dependents in their time of need. Saskatchewan Masons may well take pride in the fact that through the agency of this Fund, not created during the past few years but our inheritance and our trust from those who were responsible for its building up, our Lodges are enabled to practice the greatest of all Masonic virtues, Benevolence and Charity.

The work of administering the Fund is increasing in volume year by year. Since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge thirty-one new cases have been added to our list of beneficiaries as compared with ten new cases only five years ago, while assistance was granted in one hundred and nine cases this year as compared with fifty-seven in 1931. All this involves increased correspondence and attention to detail and it has been a source of great satisfaction to me that the arrangement entered into at our last Annual Communication left me free to give more attention to this work. In addition to a number of meetings of the Executive three full meetings of the Board of Trustees were held during the year and much time and thought were given to preparing for these meetings. At the end of the year a statement was obtained from each beneficiary giving particulars as to condition of health, means of livelihood, etc., and also a return from every Lodge receiving a grant as to the disposal of the amount granted.

Grand Lodge Masonic Educational Program

The consensus of opinion among leaders of the Craft is that among our Masonic activities none is of more importance than our Masonic Educational work. For, if our membership is not instructed in the principles of the Craft and making a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge they will not function in the community and in the state as Masons should. Under the able chairmanship of W. Bro. Douglas Fraser and his predecessors this work has been well attended to in this Jurisdiction. Throughout the years I have acted as Secretary to the Committee, criticising and supervising the sending out of the monthly outlines and supplying most of the references and questions for discussion. This year I was happy to be able to give more time and attention to this important work.

District Meetings

Acting on instructions from the M.W. the Grand Master I drew up an itinerary of our Masonic Districts and sent out notices calling the Annual District Meeting for each District immediately after the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Owing to the fact that our Grand Master could not start out on his itinerary as early as some of his predecessors his itinerary could not be completed before harvesting operations started and consequently it was thought advisable to hold the meetings for District Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5 at the end of September rather than while harvest operations were in progress. It was my privilege to attend twelve of the series of meetings and give instruction in the esoteric work, etc., but owing to the fact that I had made arrangements to take my holidays at the Coast in September and October I was unable to attend the meeting in District No. 17 and also the meetings held in September. My place was taken at these meetings by the Assistant Grand Secretary.

Other Meetings Attended

Those Lodges which I as Grand Master constituted in 1910, namely the Lodges numbered from 54 to 65 inclusive, celebrated their Silver Jubilee last fall. Many of them were good enough to invite me to attend their functions but owing to the fact that most of these functions were held while I was out of the Province on vacation I was compelled to tender my regrets. I had the good fortune before I left, however, to be able to attend the celebration of Manitou Lodge in Watrous in company with the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. J. W. Estey, and also the celebration of Canora Lodge No. 59 at Canora.

During the past two months three of our Lodges celebrated their Golden Jubilee, Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge No. 4 at Fort Qu'Appelle, Indian Head Lodge No. 5, and Qu'Appelle Lodge No. 6. I attended the functions at Fort Qu'Appelle and Indian Head in company with our M.W. Grand Master and regret exceedingly that owing to a severe snow storm that made the roads practically impassable I was unable to attend the function at Qu'Appelle.

Grand Lodge Office

I cannot speak too highly of the work of the Assistant Grand Secretary during the past year. He has been painstaking and conscientious and ready and willing to seek advice where he was in any doubt as to procedure and the re-arrangement of the work has worked out most satisfactorily.

I have made the practice of being in the office at least twice each week during the past year when in the city, thereby keeping in close touch with the work and giving matters that I had to attend to personally prompt attention. The co-operation given me has been everything that one could expect and for this I express sincere appreciation.

Conclusion

Thirty years ago at the formation meeting of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan my Brethren elected me to Office and I have been privileged to hold Office in Grand Lodge continuously ever since, twenty-two years as your Grand Secretary, and to have had a part in the development of this wonderful Institution of which we are all so justly proud today. During the years it has been an inspiration

to come in contact with the fine, stalwart type of men who by their indomitable spirit and energy have laid the foundations of Freemasonry on these prairies and to have seen our membership grow from less than six hundred to some thirteen thousand.

Had I not been convinced thirty years ago that Masonry had a contribution to make to the life of our Province I would not have accepted office at that meeting or in fact have been at the meeting at all. As those who know me best well know I always took life, and the opportunities for serving my day and generation, too seriously to spend much time on things that were not essential. And, had I not felt during the years that Masonry was making that contribution and that through the leavening influence of her membership in the communities where our Lodges were established a higher type of citizenship was being developed I would have dropped out of her service long since. Now the point I want to make in closing is this, are we, the Masons of today, proving worthy of the wonderful heritage and trust that is being handed on to us by the stalwart pioneers of Masonry in this Province. Never, I am convinced, was there greater need for men to go out among their fellow men and by living their Masonry and standing for law and order and everything that is pure and sacred acting as steadying influences in these days of unrest and discontent. Brethren I thank you for your continued confidence—carry on.

Fraternally submitted,

W. B. TATE,
Grand Secretary.

Assistant Grand Secretary's Report

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Pursuant to the action of Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication in placing full responsibility for the work of the Grand Lodge Office on the Assistant Grand Secretary I submit herewith my report.

The Proceedings of the 29th Annual Communication were compiled, printed, and distributed within two months after the Communication.

Grand Representatives' Commissions, Certificates for appointed and elected Grand Lodge Officers, M.M. Certificates, P.M. Certificates and L.M. Certificates were promptly prepared and issued as required.

As in the past a very considerable amount of work was done with our office mimeograph in mimeographing circulars with reference to District Meetings, list of Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Semi-annual Returns, Notices of Motion to amend the Constitution, the Notice calling this Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and a great many other subjects in addition, of course, to the monthly papers received from the Committee on Masonic Education.

The routine work of the office is up-to-date.

Masonic Trials, Appeals, Etc.

In accordance with the action of Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication Bro. J. I. F. of Star City Lodge No. 152 has been summoned to appear at this Communication and show cause why he should not be expelled from Freemasonry.

Dispensations

The following Special Dispensations have been issued by direction of the M.W. the Grand Master:

- To Attend Divine Service Wearing Regalia—65.
- To Elect, Install or Elect and Install at Other Than Date Set—17.
- To Act on Petition from without Jurisdiction of Lodge—2.
- To Transact Regular Business at Date other than Set by

By-Law—1.

D.D.G.M. Regalia

The D.D.G.M. regalia of Districts No. 7 and 11 having become completely worn out was turned in to the Grand Lodge Office and on authorization of the Finance Committee was replaced with new regalia.

Returns

The following is a synopsis compiled from the Semi-annual Returns for August, 1935, and February, 1936:

Total Membership Feb. 28, 1935	13,083
Membership, Feb. 28, 1935, on whom G.L. Dues payable	12,358
Add—Initiated	193
Affiliated	133
Restored	47
	373
Deduct—Demitted	224
Deaths	97
Suspended	255
Commuted Life Members	79
	655
Membership, Feb. 29, 1936, on whom G.L. Dues payable	12,076
Commuted Life Members, Feb. 28, 1935	725
Added during year	79
Deaths Commuted Life Members	21
Commuted Life Members, Feb. 29, 1936	783
Total Membership, Feb. 29, 1936	12,859
Net Loss	224
Total Number Chartered Lodges	198

Financial Statement

All fees, dues, etc., owing to Grand Lodge for the year ended March 31st, 1936, have been paid with the exception of the following amounts:

	General Fund	Benevolent Fund
Moosomin Lodge No. 7	48.00	32.00
Heward Lodge No. 29	19.80	13.20
Briercrest Lodge No. 88	12.60	8.40
Avonlea Lodge No. 156	68.50	53.00
Sharon Lodge No. 170	15.30	24.70
	<u>\$164.20</u>	<u>\$131.30</u>

The following is a summary of the financial transactions of the office:

Receipts: General Fund	\$10,547.44
Receipts: Benevolent Fund	22,844.55
Receipts: Educational Fund	104.40
	\$33,496.39
Deposits: General Fund	\$10,547.44
Deposits: Benevolent Fund	22,844.55
Deposits: Educational Fund	104.40
	\$33,496.39

District Meetings

I relieved the Grand Secretary of his District Meeting duties and accompanied the M.W. the Grand Master to the following District Meetings:

- District No. 1 held at Tisdale on October 2nd, 1935.
- District No. 2 held at Regina on September 30th, 1935.
- District No. 3 held at Moose Jaw on October 4th, 1935.
- District No. 5 held at Saskatoon on October 3rd, 1935.
- District No. 17 held at Hawarden on August 15th, 1935.

Visits to Lodges

On instructions of the M.W. the Grand Master I attended the 25th Anniversary meeting of King Solomon Lodge No. 58, Kamsack, on September 11th, 1935, conveyed the greetings of the Grand Master and delivered an address suitable to such an occasion.

In company with the Grand Master I attended the 25th Anniversary meeting of Melville Lodge No. 62 on September 26th, 1935; the 27th Anniversary meeting of Caron Lodge No. 42 on October 10th, 1935; the 53rd Anniversary function of Wascana Lodge No. 2 on March 11th, 1936, and on May 14th, 1936, the 50th Anniversary meeting of Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge No. 4, Fort Qu'Appelle. In addition to these Anniversary meetings I attended a great many other meetings at which Officers were installed or some special feature was being marked.

Conclusion

While the duties during the past year have been onerous it has been a source of real pleasure to have had the opportunity of coming in closer contact with members of the Craft throughout the entire Jurisdiction. It has been a pleasure to work with our Grand Master and with the splendid group of D.D.G.M.'s who have been giving leadership to their Lodges in the various Districts throughout the Jurisdiction.

Having lived all my life, with the exception of four years' service overseas, in Western Canada, I particularly appreciated the opportunity of attending the Anniversary functions referred to above and thrilled with pride at the Masonic achievements of our pioneer Masons recorded on these occasions. The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan owes much to the courage, foresight, and love of Freemasonry exemplified by these Brethren who so well and carefully laid foundations that have withstood the artillery fire of social unrest, personal disappointment and adverse conditions.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBT. A. TATE,

Assistant Grand Secretary.

There being no further business on the agenda for the morning session the Grand Master called the Craft from labour to refreshment.

THE FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 2.00 p.m., M.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke, Grand Master, on the Throne; Grand Officers, Members and Representatives present.

Report of Board of General Purposes

R.W. Bro. J. W. Estey presented the report of the Board of General Purposes, which, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. W. Estey and M.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly, was adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M. Brethren:

Immediately the Twenty-ninth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was concluded on June 20th, 1935, the Board of General Purposes assembled for purposes of organization. The Standing Committees were then selected and a special committee named to examine and bring in a report relative to life memberships.

The second meeting of the Board was held at the Bessborough Hotel in the City of Saskatoon on Tuesday, June 16th, 1936. There was an excellent attendance of members and many items incident to this Grand Jurisdiction were dealt with. All of the Standing Committees submitted reports which were examined, received and referred to Grand Lodge. These reports will all be presented for your consideration at this Communication.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. ESTEY, President.

Committee on Grand Master's Address

M.W. Bro. J. W. MacNeill presented the report of the Committee on Grand Master's Address which, on motion of M.W. Bros. J. W. MacNeill and C. P. Moore, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M. Brethren:

Your Committee on Grand Master's Address have given careful consideration to the same and beg to submit the following report:

Our Grand Master has endeavoured to turn our thoughts towards world conditions. He has sought to emphasize the importance of our giving individual and collective consideration to the world situation as embodied in its creeds, its isms, its divisions and its disintegrating tendencies. He has rather strikingly placed Masonry in the midst thereof, and directed our gaze accordingly.

We commend him for his viewpoint, his sincerity and his effort to lead us towards those higher ideals of humanity and good citizenship as embodied in the teachings of Freemasonry. His close attention to the duties of his Office merits the approval and thanks of the members of this Grand Body and reflects his unbounded interest in the fraternity.

During his term of Office our Grand Master was called upon to

make one ruling, which was as follows: "No constituent Lodge shall confer any Degree in other than the work permitted under the Charter of the Lodge." With this ruling your Committee agrees.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. MacNEILL, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Jurisprudence

M.W. Bro. J. W. MacNeill presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence which, on motion of M.W. Bros. J. W. MacNeill and C. P. Moore, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, considering the notices of motion as presented, find that proposed motions number one, two and four are in order, but that number three is not in order.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. MacNEILL, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Grievances and Appeals

R.W. Bro. O. S. Black presented the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals which, on motion of R.W. Bros. O. S. Black and F. C. Wilson, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have for the second time in recent years the pleasing duty to report that no complaints or appeals were received during the Masonic year just past and accordingly your Committee was not called upon to function.

This, we feel, is a matter for sincere congratulation and is a notable tribute to the high moral standard of the Brethren in this Grand Jurisdiction.

It is therefor with regret that this excellent record should appear to be partially sullied by the necessity for reporting that Bro. J. I. Furman of Star City Lodge No. 152, who was recommended for expulsion at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, has been summoned to appear and show cause why the sentence of expulsion should not be carried out and appropriate action in that regard is now recommended.

Fraternally submitted,

O. S. BLACK, Chairman.

Expulsion

Bro. John I. Furman, Star City Lodge No. 152, having been summoned to appear at this Communication of Grand Lodge to show cause why he should not be expelled from Freemasonry in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in 1935, and having failed to put in an appearance, the M.W. the Grand Master declared John I. Furman expelled from all the rights, privileges and benefits of Freemasonry.

Report of Committee on Foreign Relations

M.W. Bro. W. M. Martin presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations which, on motion of M.W. Bros. W. M. Martin and A. S. Gorrell, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

An application for recognition has been received from the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings at Prague. There are at present two Grand Lodges in Czechoslovakia. This is due to the special conditions prevailing there. The National Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia consists of Brethren of Czech nationality and the Grand Lodge Lessing of Brethren of German and Hungarian nationalities. The relations between these Grand Lodges are cordial and both of them have been widely recognized. The Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings has been recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England, Grand Lodge of Scotland, Grand Lodge of Ireland, by the Grand Lodges of Canada (Ontario), Nova Scotia, Quebec and Manitoba in Canada. By the Grand Lodges of Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania and New South Wales in Australia and by the following Grand Lodges in the United States: New York, Kentucky, Texas, North Dakota, California, New Jersey, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, South Dakota, New Hampshire, Arkansas, Virginia, Arizona, Wisconsin and South Carolina.

Your Committee is of the opinion that this Grand Lodge conforms to the standards for recognition accepted by the leading English speaking Grand Lodges and recommends that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings.

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. MARTIN, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Finance

R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton presented the following report of the Committee on Finance which, on motion of R.W. Bros. S. C. Burton and F. C. Wilson, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

The Auditor has reported that he has found the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer in order, and your Committee, having also examined these reports, recommend same for your adoption.

Five Lodges, while making returns, have been unable to remit their per capita assessment and are in arrears to the General Fund to the extent of \$164.20 and to the Benevolent Fund of \$131.30. We sincerely hope that a solution to the difficulties, which these Lodges have faced in recent years, will be found and that they will soon be able to put themselves in good standing with Grand Lodge.

We would draw your attention to a development of the last three years which, if continued, is going to have a very serious effect upon the revenue of Grand Lodge, in fact is already doing so. We refer to the great increase in commuted Life Memberships. According to our present By-laws these can be purchased for \$11.00 and

from year to year there is a decided increase in the number taking advantage of this provision. We would point out that there are now 783 members of this class and all further revenue for the general expenses of Grand Lodge from these members has ceased, and this loss of current revenue is becoming serious. Looking ahead we recommend that Grand Lodge give serious attention to this situation.

We are glad to report that our estimates of last year were generally very close to the actual receipts and expenditures. Our estimated revenue was exceeded by \$172.00 and we lived within our estimated expenditures, largely due to the fact that while \$500.00 was provided for relief, actual expenditure under this heading was only \$50.00. There were some material variations in expenditures under the different headings but on the whole the estimates, where exceeded in one place, were not as large as provided for under another heading.

We are further glad to report that actually the results of the year's operations were an improvement in the cash position and it was not necessary to sell any securities to cover the deficit on operations.

We present herewith estimates for the year 1936-37. These have been prepared on a basis of the actual revenue and disbursements for the previous year. As usual we are placing in the estimates the sum of \$500.00 to take care of any emergency relief calls that may occur during the year.

ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1936-37

Brought forward from 1935-36—In Bank \$ 3,411.75

Receipts:

Membership Fees	\$7,300.00	
Initiation Fees	800.00	
Affiliation Fees	100.00	
Commuted Life Membership Fees	800.00	
Past Masters' Certificates	125.00	
Special Dispensations	125.00	
Interest	800.00	
Sale of Publications	300.00	
Benevolent Fund	100.00	
		<u>\$10,450.00</u>
		\$13,861.75

Expenditures:

Salaries and Honoraria:

Grand Secretary	\$1,200.00	
Assistant Grand Secretary	2,400.00	
Grand Treasurer	200.00	
Grand Tyler	25.00	
Auditor	250.00	
Committee on Foreign Correspondence	200.00	
Stenographer	720.00	
Office Rent	1,200.00	
		<u>\$ 6,195.00</u>

Travelling:

D. D. G. M.'s	\$1,100.00	
Board of General Purposes	500.00	
Grand Master	300.00	
General	300.00	
		<u>2,200.00</u>

Miscellaneous:		
Printing	\$1,000.00	
Relief	500.00	
General Expense	1,480.00	
		<u>2,980.00</u>

\$11,375.00

Estimated Surplus at end of year \$2,486.75

Estimated Deficit on year's operations 925.00

Fraternally submitted,

S. C. BURTON, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Condition of Masonry

M.W. Bro. N. B. Williams presented the report of the Committee on Condition of Masonry which, on motion of M.W. Bros. N. B. Williams and J. McGregor, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M. Brethren:

Your Committee on Condition of Masonry submits for your consideration the following report:

Twelve months ago your Committee suggested that D.D.G.M.'s should exercise more initiative and develop more originality in the discharge of their duties and in submitting their reports. This suggestion has borne fruit. If by chance this report should prove to be incomplete or uninteresting, it will not be by reason of any dearth of information supplied by the D.D.G.M.'s. Their reports this year, with one exception, were the most enlightening ones which it has been our privilege to review. No summary, however carefully compiled, could possibly give more than a sketchy outline of the picture revealed by the reports which we have had before us.

Adopting a somewhat different plan to that followed in the years immediately preceding the present one, we propose to summarize the findings of the D.D.G.M.'s under several headings. Even those which have been used do not adequately cover all the conditions which might very well be included in a report of this kind.

1. Lodge Attendance:

Once again we find what we noticed last year, namely, that in practically all cases the attendance at Lodge meetings is in adverse ratio to the number of members within the jurisdiction of the Lodge. Why should this be so? In replying to the question in his report on one city Lodge one D.D.G.M. said: "Too many hockey matches and picture shows!" This is a pertinent reply! District No. 17 shows the best average attendance for the year, being 50% of its resident members. In diminishing ratio the percentages in the other districts were as follows:

No. 6	48%	No. 11	38%
No. 13	47%	No. 1	36%
No. 4	46%	No. 3	35%
No. 15	44%	No. 8	35%
No. 16	43%	No. 9	34%
No. 7	41%	No. 5	29%
No. 12	41%	No. 2	26%
No. 14	39%	No. 10—(Incomplete report)	

It is rather regrettable that District No. 2 should be at the bottom of the list as R.W. Bro. Watson appears to have made a

special effort to stimulate attendance in this, his District. A D.D.G.M. can but do his best. In the final analysis the responsibility rests squarely upon the shoulders of the officers and members of each constituent Lodge.

2. Historical Registers:

Omitting District No. 10 from which only three reports on individual Lodges were submitted, the numbers of Lodges showing their Historical Registers completed up to date indicates an improvement over last year. Twelve months ago there were 60 incomplete Historical Registers; now there are 43—still too many! These are in the following Lodges:

- District No. 1—Wakaw 166.
- District No. 2—N.W.M.P. 11; Rouleau 166; Drinkwater 41.
- District No. 3—Briercrest 88.
- District No. 5—Hanley 28; Evergreen 95.
- District No. 6—Lang 34; Bruce 36; Golden Fleece 50; Colfax 198.
- District No. 7—Radisson 97; Tyrian 137.
- District No. 8—Carlyle 17; Fillmore 163.
- District No. 9—Moosomin 7; Evening Star 10; Ekapo 38; Grayson 48; Rocanville 61; Maryfield 94; Wawota 150.
- District No. 10—(Incomplete Report.)
- District No. 11—Swift Current 26; Herbert 180.
- District No. 13—Loverna 149.
- District No. 14—St. John's 106; Limerick 109; Aneroid 111; Azure 122; Cadillac 126; Kincaid 138; Vanguard 194; Admiral 199.
- District No. 15—Foam Lake 79; Elfros 145; Quill Lake 169.
- District No. 16—Touchwood 51.
- District No. 17—Elbowview 56; Outlook 65; Dinston 131; Dunblane 148; Lucky Lake 187; Sovereign 192.

(Come along, Districts Nos. 9, 14 and 17! A clean-up in your Districts alone would reduce the outstanding number by 50%.)

3. Audits:

This year there are only two Lodges which have not had their books audited, Golden Fleece No. 50, Touchwood No. 51. (Representatives of these two Lodges please note!)

The above statement would indicate a very satisfactory condition. But does it? Are the Lodge accounts being properly audited and do the statements presented by the auditors set out the true financial positions of the Lodges? Are our D.D.G.M.'s making any check of the Lodge accounts to see that the figures inserted in the statistical reports are correct? We doubt it; because we have noticed many glaring errors in the statistical reports. Here are a few of them:

	Cash on Hand	Arrears of Dues	Assets
a.	\$497.97	\$321.60	\$455.80
b.	346.57	nil	285.65
c.	278.70	203.50	300.00
d.	346.47	250.50	205.00
e.	217.80	553.00	450.00
f.	165.50	510.00	283.55

Brethren, the members of your Committee are not magicians and consequently we would not attempt to compile and present to this Grand Body any summary based upon statistical information of this kind.

4. Masonic Education and Research:

Last year 40 Lodges were reported as having no systematic plan

for Masonic Study. This year the number stands at 37, as follows:

District No. 1—3.	District No. 7—1.	District No. 13—2.
District No. 2—6.	District No. 8—2.	District No. 14—2.
District No. 4—2.	District No. 9—4.	District No. 15—4.
District No. 5—5.	District No. 10—	District No. 16—1.
District No. 6—1.	Incomplete Report.	District No. 17—4.

Your Committee is not too sure that the foregoing presents a true picture. We have reason to believe that in quite a number of Lodges the Chairman of the Research Committee, or some other member, takes the synopsis sent out by the Grand Lodge Committee and reads it in open Lodge or during the period of refreshment. Admittedly this is better than nothing, but we feel quite confident that the Grand Lodge Committee never intended these synopses to be so used. In any event when no effort is put forth by the Brethren in the constituent Lodge, little or no benefit can accrue.

Some Lodges apparently consider the adoption of any such plan to be quite unnecessary. Some seem to go even further and take the attitude that any effort along this line is but a waste of time and energy. If we know not what we seek, how do we hope to find it? Would that every Mason in Saskatchewan could read the remarks of R.W. Bro. H. Elliott, D.D.G.M. of District No. 14, upon this question. (See report of D.D.G.M. District No. 14.)

5. Arrears of Dues:

We come now to the hardy annual which, like the Russian Thistle, thrives in periods of drought! And yet it is quite evident that most Lodges are making a supreme effort to cope with this vexed question and throughout the past year have succeeded in stifling the growth of these arrears except to a very limited extent. To be exact, the total arrears of dues as at December 31st, 1934, were \$80,079.50. As at December 31st, 1935, the figure stood at \$81,011.07—an increase of \$931.57 as against an increase of \$228.07 in 1934 over 1933. (Incidentally there was no statistical report from Maryfield Lodge No. 94, nor from Wawota No. 150.)

District No. 6 shows the greatest decrease in arrears during the year—32%. In District No. 3, 11 Lodges out of 15 reduced their arrears. Three other Districts, 5, 11 and 14, also show decreases. All of the others show increases ranging from .7% to 155%. This latter refers to District No. 9. The arrears in this District as at December 31, 1934, were reported to be \$1,142.00; as at December 31, 1935, they are reported to be \$2,921.50—an increase of \$1,779.50. The incoming D.D.G.M. for this District should carefully check the records and if these figures are found to be correct, endeavour to ascertain the cause of what appears to be an unwarranted increase.

6. Reading the G.M.'s Address, Reports of D.D.G.M.'s and Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry in Open Lodge.

At the time of the official visit of the respective D.D.G.M.'s, this had not been done in 49 Lodges in the Jurisdiction. Failure to do so is reported from:

5 Lodges in District No. 1.	2 Lodges in District No. 9.
5 Lodges in District No. 2.	6 Lodges in District No. 11.
6 Lodges in District No. 3.	1 Lodge in District No. 12.
1 Lodge in District No. 4.	1 Lodge in District No. 13.
5 Lodges in District No. 5.	2 Lodges in District No. 14.
5 Lodges in District No. 6.	4 Lodges in District No. 15.
4 Lodges in District No. 7.	1 Lodge in District No. 16.
	1 Lodge in District No. 17.

(Information not given by D.D.G.M. of District No. 10 regarding three Lodges reported on.)

7. Inter-Lodge Visits:

Your Committee is delighted to note that the D.D.G.M.'s have paid special attention to this feature of Lodge activity during their term of office. This is most commendable. The D.D.G.M. of District No. 16 says this: "I was able in one case to bring two Lodges together that had not visited for three years although situated less than ten miles apart." Lodges, like individuals, cannot profitably live unto themselves. By paying occasional visits to other Lodges, Brethren broaden their outlook, cheer and encourage their fellow Masons, expand the circle of their personal friendships, strengthen the chain of brotherhood—"Know and be known." To encourage inter-Lodge visits, R.W. Bro. Watson donated a travelling Volume of the Sacred Law for use in his District and drew up a schedule of visits amongst all Lodges in the City of Regina. Travelling gavel was introduced by the D.D.G.M.'s of Districts Nos. 14 and 16. In reporting on District No. 8, R.W. Bro. W. O. Fraser, D.D.G.M. says this: "There was much evidence of renewed activity and revived interest in this District through inter-Lodge visits and by exchange of visits with Lodges across the international border."

8. General:

(a) Born in an atmosphere of unrest wherein the honesty of our public men, the integrity of our Judges and the sincerity of those who labour for the welfare of their fellow men are being questioned by certain individuals in almost every community, there appears to be creeping into our Lodges an element of disregard for Lodge by-laws, the Constitution and Regulations of Grand Lodge and even the authority of the M.W. the Grand Master. Too many Masons are evidently forgetting their obligations and the ancient charges. Firm and wise leadership is the only safeguard.

(b) Two or more D.D.G.M.'s have noted a tendency in some Lodges to drift away from the inculcation of Masonic truths into the lighter Service Club atmosphere. Your Committee has the very highest regard for Service Clubs, what they stand for, what they accomplish and the place they fill in the life of a community. But Brethren, Service Clubs are Service Clubs and Masonic Lodges are Masonic Lodges!

(c) This year as in many former years the suggested panacea for all our Masonic ills is "A return of prosperity and more candidates." One D.D.G.M. in his report remarks: "It is not more money nor more members that we need but more of the fraternal spirit." To show what can be done in at least one direction, here is a report regarding Azure Lodge No. 122 at Eastend: "The officers have capitalized on the depression by buying a shell of a building, remodelling it and allowing Brethren in arrears for dues to work on the building to clean these up. As a result they have almost reached their objective. The building is clear of debt and they are now beautifying the grounds." This, Brethren, is in a drought-stricken area!

(d) Your Committee notes with regret that five (5) Lodges have defaulted in the payment of their dues to Grand Lodge. These are Moosomin No. 7, Heward No. 29, Briercrest No. 88, Avonlea No. 156, and Sharon No. 170.

There is every evidence that conditions generally in Moosomin Lodge are anything but satisfactory. This Lodge held only five (5) regular meetings throughout the year, and out of a resident membership of 56, the average attendance was only eleven (11). Your Committee deplores the fact that this Lodge, which will soon celebrate its

50th Anniversary, which is located in a very good town and district and with the name of which many stalwart pioneers of Masonry in what is now Saskatchewan were long associated, should have so far receded from its former outstanding position. We fear that the torch which fell from the hands of those who have passed on has not been held aloft by their successors at Moosomin. Only indifference and the absence of strong leadership can account for the very deplorable conditions now prevailing in this pioneer Lodge.

The other Lodges in default are smaller and weaker bodies, and an examination of the reports would indicate that there were special circumstances in each case which might well account for their respective defaults. We are of the opinion that with the return of more normal conditions and a little help and encouragement from the incoming D.D.G.M.'s, these Lodges will eventually meet their obligations in full. There is a splendid opportunity as well for some zealous and well-skilled Brother in each of these Lodges to be of real service to his brother Masons by supplying the leadership of which each appears to be in need.

9. Recommendations:

(a) By the D.D.G.M. of District No. 1—that Pleasantdale Lodge might be advantageously moved to Naicam.

(b) By the D.D.G.M. of District No. 2—that Craik Lodge be transferred to District No. 3—that material sent out by the G. L. Committee on Education include "Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund"; "Business Management of Constituent Lodges"; "History of Grand Lodge"; "Series of Questions and Answers" and "Short Masonic Plays" (for social hours)—that wholesale and unwarranted remission of dues should not be tolerated.

(c) By two or three D.D.G.M.'s—that dates of Lodge meetings be changed to facilitate inter-Lodge visits.

In recognition of the service they have rendered to the Brethren in their respective Districts and to Grand Lodge, we recommend that the rank of P.D.D.G.M. be conferred upon:

R.W. Bros. D. Hunter, J. D. Watson, J. B. Clements, A. Moffett, C. P. Seeley, J. W. Cooper, A. E. Orchard, W. O. Fraser, J. A. Baskie, L. Keene, J. A. Stewart, S. Henning, J. Davidson, H. Elliott, A. Stewart, S. J. Caught, C. E. Pettman.

In this connection we would point out that included in the above recommendation is the name of one D.D.G.M. who failed to visit more than five Lodges in his District and who forwarded individual reports on only three of those so visited. The nature of his occupation did not permit of his absenting himself from his ordinary duties for three or four days at a time in order to visit certain Lodges by train after the roads were blocked by snow. Nevertheless, we regret that he did not arrange, with the approval of the Grand Master, to have some P.D.D.G.M. visit those Lodges which he was unable to visit and thus not deprive them of an official visit. We would recommend that in future any D.D.G.M. who finds himself unable to perform his official duties and who does not otherwise arrange to have them carried out, be not recommended for past rank. Any other procedure appears to us to be somewhat unfair to those D.D.G.M.'s who faithfully meet their responsibilities.

Fraternally submitted,

N. B. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

Address

The M.W. the Grand Master called on M.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, who expressed his sincere appreciation for the welcome extended to him, a welcome which he stated he took as an evidence of the kind regard in which we held the Grand Lodge which he represented. Bro. Anderson congratulated our Grand Master on his address and also the Chairmen of the various Committees whose reports he had listened to with the closest attention. In closing he stated that he brought greetings from the one hundred and ten thousand Masons of Ontario.

Report of Committee on Masonic Relief and Charity

M.W. Bro. R. Young presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Relief and Charity which, on motion of M.W. Bros. R. Young and J. McGregor, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Your Committee on Masonic Relief and Charity herewith submits its report for the year 1935-36.

During the year two applications for assistance were received.

First from Latomia Lodge No. 125 at Weyburn, in which case a grant of \$50.00 was authorized.

Second from Aneroid Lodge No. 111 at Aneroid, in which case a grant of \$50.00 was authorized.

Fraternally submitted,

R. YOUNG, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Charters and New Lodges

W. Bro. A. G. Farrell presented the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges which, on motion of W. Bro. A. G. Farrell and R.W. Bro. A. O. Brooks, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges beg to report that no applications for Charters were received during the year just passed and accordingly your Committee was not called upon to function.

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. FARRELL.

Report of Committee on Grand Lodge Library

R.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Library which, on motion of R.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson and M.W. Bro. J. K. Irwin, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

In your Committee's report of last year, the suggestion was made that surplus copies of Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions could be obtained on application to the office of our Grand Secretary. To the present time only one application has been received. As was also

intimated at that time, these Proceedings are full of Masonic information; they contain in addition addresses of many prominent Masons and much valuable material could be secured from them which could in turn be presented to our Lodges in address form. More particularly might this be the case in the smaller Lodges where the libraries are limited. If these additional copies are not taken up they will in the near future have to be destroyed as space in the Library will not much longer accommodate them. May your Committee again suggest that our Lodges take advantage of this offer?

Your Committee has regularly throughout the year inspected the Library and find it in its usual excellent condition.

Fraternally submitted,

F. C. WILSON, Chairman.

Report of Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund

M.W. Bro. N. B. Williams, Vice-President, presented the report of the Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund which, on motion of M.W. Bros. N. B. Williams and J. McCauley, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Your Benevolent Fund Trustees submit for your careful consideration the following report:

The responsibility of your Trustees in administering this Fund during the past twelve months has not become any lighter because of certain facts which we deem it our duty to present quite frankly to Grand Lodge.

Nevertheless we have considered it a privilege to serve as your Trustees and to endeavour to meet, in so far as it was possible for us to do so, the claims for assistance that have been presented through various constituent Lodges. All of these have been reviewed faithfully, conscientiously and sympathetically and in every deserving case your Trustees have extended such measure of assistance as they reasonably could extend within the constitutional requirements and the recognized policy of Grand Lodge governing the administration of this Trust Fund. Our only regret in many, many cases was that we could not do more than we did without endangering the perpetuity of the Fund.

It must be borne in mind at all times that the demands upon the Fund are increasing from year to year while the revenue by way of interest on investments is gradually decreasing. At the present time it is impossible for your Trustees to invest or re-invest in approved securities so as to insure a return of more than approximately three per cent per annum and there is every indication that in the not too distant future we will have to be satisfied with a yield even lower than that. A brief review of a few facts will indicate to the Brethren of Grand Lodge just what this may mean.

For the year which closed twelve months ago, the revenue by way of interest on investments amounted to \$15,617.00 while the grants for that year totalled \$15,369.00. For the year just closed the interest revenue was \$15,845.00 while the net grants amounted to \$17,602.00. There was an over-expenditure charged to Reserve of \$1,637.00 so that during the year that Reserve was reduced from \$26,968.00 to \$25,331.00. So far this year grants have been approved to a total of \$15,978.00 which will in all probability be increased to nearly \$18,000.00 before the end of the current year.

The following is a detailed statement of the \$17,602.00 paid out during the past year:

No.	Lodge	Beneficiary	Amount
1	Kinistino	Mrs. J. F. B.	\$240.00
1	Kinistino	Mrs. S.	180.00
3	Moose Jaw	Bro. W. W. D.	180.00
3	Moose Jaw	Mrs. S. M.	240.00
3	Moose Jaw	Bro. R. L. F.	150.00
5	Indian Head	Mrs. D. H. M.	300.00
7	Moosomin	Bro. F.	31.42
7	Moosomin	Mrs. B.	120.00
9	Maple Leaf	Bro. W. G.	180.00
10	Evening Star	Mrs. C.	200.00
10	Evening Star	Mrs. M. M. M.	220.00
10	Evening Star	Miss T.	25.00
11	N. W. M. P.	Bro. G. H. B.	30.00
12	Yorkton	Mrs. F. A.	135.00
13	Duck Lake	Mrs. E. S.	300.00
15	Amity	Mrs. A. F.	230.00
15	Amity	Bro. H. E. W.	45.00
15	Amity	Mrs. W. D.	20.00
16	Saskatchewan	Mrs. B.	240.00
16	Saskatchewan	Bro. K.	180.00
16	Saskatchewan	Bro. A. R.	300.00
17	Carlyle	Bro. R. J. K.	135.00
19	Battle	Mrs. J. R. T.	90.00
19	Battle	Mrs. R. W.	243.03
20	Weyburn	Bro. A. M. M.	150.00
23	Britannia	Mrs. G. B.	50.00
24	Wolseley	Mrs. H. E. M.	90.00
25	Estevan	Mrs. F.	300.00
26	Swift Current	Mrs. R.	120.00
26	Swift Current	Mrs. H. E. C.	180.00
26	Swift Current	Mrs. W. H. P. & Family	240.00
26	Swift Current	Bro. J. G. T. L.	50.00
26	Swift Current	Bro. L. A. M.	150.00
27	Alameda	Mrs. O'B.	210.00
27	Alameda	Mrs. A. B. W.	150.00
35	Prince Rupert	Mrs. E. S.	120.00
36	Bruce	Mrs. J. C. B.	240.00
36	Bruce	Mrs. H. M.	120.00
36	Bruce	Mrs. E. C.	60.00
43	Ishpaming	Bro. E. B.	240.00
45	Aurora	Mrs. W. W. G.	300.00
46	Strasbourg	Mrs. J. K. M.	95.00
51	Touchwood	Bro. G. P.	180.00
54	Buchanan	Mrs. G.	360.00
55	Craik	Bro. C. W. P.	180.00
55	Craik	Mrs. T. A. B.	120.00
58	King Solomon	Mrs. R.	200.00
62	Melville	Bro. H. G.	120.00
62	Melville	Bro. J. I.	110.00
64	Manitou	Bro. J. G. B.	50.00
64	Manitou	Mrs. R. K.	25.00
68	Govan	Mrs. G. B.	300.00
68	Govan	Mrs. M. R. H.	300.00

No.	Lodge	Beneficiary	Amount
70	Cypress	Mrs. C. V. W.	180.00
71	Doric	Mrs. R. E. G.	150.00
76	Tisdale	Mrs. C. C. C.	180.00
78	Tugaske	Bro. J. C.	100.00
80	Connaught	Mrs. S.	300.00
82	Victoria	Bro. G. W. P.	300.00
83	Meridian	Bro. A. J. S.	27.00
83	Meridian	Bro. J. E. C.	27.00
84	Lanigan	Mrs. B.	144.00
86	Kindersley	Mrs. M. F.	30.00
86	Kindersley	Bro. D. B.	300.00
89	Twin City	Bro. A. J. L.	225.00
92	Lodge Progress	Mrs. W. H. C.	240.00
92	Lodge Progress	Bro. J. F. M.	20.00
94	Maryfield	Bro. H. S. G.	170.00
95	Evergreen	Mrs. J. H.	240.00
95	Evergreen	Bro. W. Y.	225.00
98	Union	Bro. C.	366.00
99	Goose Lake	Bro. H. J. E.	240.00
99	Goose Lake	Mrs. M.	20.00
99	Goose Lake	Mrs. N.	60.00
104	King Hiram	Mrs. W. H.	180.00
104	King Hiram	Mrs. G. H.	240.00
104	King Hiram	Mrs. F.	180.00
107	Mortlach	Mrs. C. S. F.	180.00
119	Cabri	Bro. W. K.	75.00
120	Ogema	Mrs. T. C.	180.00
123	Lancer	Mrs. P.	30.00
124	Mount Hermon	Mrs. A. J.	180.00
129	Mossbank	Bro. A. J. D.	180.00
130	Togo	Bro. A. B. M.	135.00
133	Philathea	Bro. J. R.	60.00
133	Philathea	Bro. F. C.	40.00
136	St. George	Mrs. J. C. D.	180.00
138	Kincaid	Mrs. C.	120.00
139	Riverhurst	Mrs. C.	180.00
145	Elfros	Mrs. H.	240.00
146	Asquith	Bro. M. E. L.	240.00
147	Elstow	Mrs. A. C.	240.00
151	Viscount	Mrs. B.	180.00
151	Viscount	Bro. W. J. N.	135.00
153	Blaine Lake	Mrs. G. R. P.	300.00
154	Banner	Mrs. A.	30.00
155	Raymore	Bro. P.	120.00
156	Avonlea	Bro. T. H. C.	60.00
161	Welwyn	Mrs. L.	120.00
170	Sharon	Bro. G. C. A.	75.00
172	Memorial	Mrs. M. B.	300.00
174	St. Andrews	Mrs. V. G.	120.00
177	Verwood	Mrs. W. S.	180.00
177	Verwood	Mrs. W. A.	120.00
182	Lonach	Mrs. T.	144.00
184	Osage	Bro. C. W.	130.00
189	Herschel	Mrs. C.	120.00
195	Pleasantdale	Bro. J. R. M.	135.00
199	Admiral	Bro. A. C. K.	15.00

From this it will appear that relief was granted in one hundred and nine cases this year, of which thirty-one were new cases, as compared with ninety-nine last year.

In addition to a number of meetings of the Executive, three full meetings of the Board were held during the year, on June 18th, 1935, December 12th, 1935, and April 15th, 1936.

At the December meeting the securities held by the Board were carefully checked over by every member of the Board and the Trustees expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with the condition of same.

At the April meeting the reports from the various Lodges receiving grants were reviewed and the following grants passed for the year 1936-37:

No.	Lodge	Beneficiary	Amount
1	Kinistino	Mrs. M. E. B.	240.00
1	Kinistino	Mrs. S.	180.00
3	Moose Jaw	Bro. W. W. D.	90.00
3	Moose Jaw	Bro. R. L. F.	78.00
3	Moose Jaw	Mrs. S. M.	150.00
5	Indian Head	Mrs. D. H. M.	180.00
7	Moosomin	Mrs. M. B.	114.00
10	Evening Star	Mrs. B. M. C.	190.00
10	Evening Star	Mrs. A. M.	180.00
12	Yorkton	Mrs. T. F. A.	120.00
13	Duck Lake	Mrs. E. S.	270.00
15	Amity	Mrs. E. N. F.	240.00
15	Amity	Bro. H. E. W.	90.00
15	Amity	Bro. W. D.	120.00
16	Saskatchewan	Bro. S. V. K.	180.00
16	Saskatchewan	Bro. A. R.	300.00
16	Saskatchewan	Mrs. E. B.	240.00
17	Carlyle	Bro. R. J. K.	67.50
19	Battle	Mrs. R. W.	240.00
19	Battle	Mrs. J. R. T.	90.00
23	Britannia	Mrs. A. B.	114.00
25	Estevan	Mrs. E. F.	270.00
26	Swift Current	Mrs. R.	114.00
26	Swift Current	Mrs. H. E. C.	171.00
26	Swift Current	Mrs. W. H. P.	228.00
27	Alameda	Mrs. L. M. W.	100.00
27	Alameda	Mrs. S. O'B.	210.00
35	Prince Rupert	Mrs. E. S.	54.00
36	Bruce	Mrs. J. C. B.	228.00
36	Bruce	Mrs. A. L. M.	114.00
43	Ishpaming	Bro. E. F. B.	228.00
45	Aurora	Mrs. W. W. G.	240.00
46	Strasbourg	Mrs. E. M.	180.00
51	Touchwood	Bro. G. C. P.	180.00
54	Buchanan	Mrs. G.	360.00
55	Craik	Mrs. F. A. P.	171.00
55	Craik	Mrs. F. C. B.	114.00
58	King Solomon	Mrs. J. R.	200.00
62	Melville	Bro. J. I.	114.00
68	Govan	Mrs. G. B.	210.00
68	Govan	Mrs. M. R. H.	270.00
70	Cypress	Mrs. C. V. W.	150.00
76	Tisdale	Mrs. E. C.	180.00

No.	Lodge	Beneficiary	Amount
80	Connaught	Mrs. R. J. S.	300.00
82	Victoria	Bro. C. W. P.	285.00
83	Meridian	Bro. A. J. S.	54.00
83	Meridian	Bro. J. E. C.	9.00
84	Lanigan	Mrs. A. B.	144.00
92	Lodge Progress	Mrs. L. C.	240.00
92	Lodge Progress	Bro. J. F. M.	240.00
95	Evergreen	Mrs. J. H.	240.00
95	Evergreen	Bro. W. Y.	300.00
98	Union	Bro. G. C.	365.00
99	Goose Lake	Bro. H. J. E.	228.00
104	King Hiram	Mrs. F.	180.00
104	King Hiram	Mrs. W. H.	180.00
104	King Hiram	Mrs. E. H.	60.00
107	Mortlach	Mrs. M. M. F.	180.00
120	Ogema	Mrs. F. C.	171.00
123	Lancer	Mrs. J. P.	120.00
124	Mount Hermon	Mrs. A. J.	171.00
129	Mossbank	Bro. A. J. D.	180.00
130	Togo	Bro. A. B. M.	180.00
133	Philathea	Bro. J. R.	60.00
133	Philathea	Bro. F. C.	60.00
136	St. George	Mrs. M. D.	144.00
138	Kincaid	Mrs. M. C.	120.00
139	Riverhurst	Mrs. F. H. C.	180.00
145	Elfros	Mrs. G. H.	228.00
146	Asquith	Bro. M. E. L.	240.00
147	Elstow	Mrs. A. C.	240.00
151	Viscount	Mrs. S. B.	171.00
153	Blaine Lake	Mrs. O. P.	300.00
155	Raymore	Bro. J. E. P.	115.00
156	Avonlea	Bro. T. H. C.	60.00
161	Welwyn	Mrs. J. L.	114.00
172	Memorial	Mrs. M. B.	264.00
174	St. Andrews	Mrs. V. G.	90.00
177	Verwood	Mrs. E. H. S.	142.50
177	Verwood	Mrs. E. C. A.	75.00
182	Lonach	Mrs. L. T.	144.00
189	Herschel	Mrs. C. C.	60.00
195	Pleasantdale	Bro. J. R. M.	180.00
199	Admiral	Bro. A. C. K.	180.00

The following new grants were approved at the April meeting:

No.	Lodge	Beneficiary	Amount
33	Davidson	Bro. G. W. Z.	45.00
145	Elfros	Mrs. M. H. S.	360.00
147	Elstow	Mrs. P. C.	180.00

At the meeting held on June 16th, 1936, the following additional new grants were approved:

No.	Lodge	Beneficiary	Amount
108	Long Lake	Bro. A. P.	110.00
123	Lancer	Mrs. D. C. M.	165.00
125	Latomia	Bro. A. B.	125.00
142	Leader	Mrs. B. C. R.	240.00

One loan for \$200.00 from the Educational Fund was authorized during the year. An amount of \$8.14, balance of a loan, was repaid.

At the meeting held on April 15th last your Trustees gave special attention to the matter of the increasing number of Lodges which apply for grants while at the same time such Lodges make no grant whatever from their own funds to assist the needy Brother or his dependents, with the result that the Grand Secretary was instructed to point out once again to such Lodges that grants from the Fund, according to the regulations, must be supplementary to the aid given by the Lodge obtaining same and that although the Trustees had decided to continue grants as approved until September 30th, 1936, after that date all grants to Lodges making no contribution from their own funds would be reduced by 10% and that such Lodges would be expected to make up the amount of such reductions.

It will be noted that all such Lodges were advised that the claims upon the Fund were now in excess of the revenue derived by way of interest.

It may be argued that even if the approved grants in each year were to exceed the interest revenue by some \$2,000.00 there would be sufficient in the Reserve Account to take care of this over-expenditure for a period of from ten to twelve years. This might be so, provided the investments continued to yield around \$15,000.00 per year but if this yield were to drop to around \$9,000.00 per year, the necessary over-expenditure would deplete the reserve in four or five years.

It must be borne in mind that a reduction in the earning power of the Fund from approximately 5% to 3% would reduce the annual return by way of interest by exactly 40% or in other words from approximately \$15,000.00 per annum to about \$9,000.00 per annum. What then would be the result if grants remained at about \$18,000.00 per year? It would mean that Grand Lodge would be able to contribute only about 50% in each case and the other 50% would have to be contributed by the constituent Lodges recommending such grants.

It has been suggested that the Trustees may be needlessly concerned: that a return of more normal conditions will automatically decrease the need for assistance and that all will be well. In this connection may we point out that this Grand Lodge is no longer in its infancy, that the years are rolling by and that with increasing age will come a marked increase in the number within our ranks who will become incapacitated through physical debility. Thus in the not too distant future we may face the necessity of materially decreasing all grants or building up the capital sum so as to insure a revenue commensurate with the need. It is quite conceivable that in the not too distant future the capital sum of this Fund should be increased by not less than 100%.

Through the medium of this Fund the Masons of Saskatchewan have an opportunity to practice at least one of those virtues which they profess to admire. When the per capita levy was made in 1917 each Lodge was assured that every \$10.00 contributed would continue throughout the years to earn its mite for the assistance of needy Brethren or their dependents. Grand Lodge must keep faith with constituent Lodges. This can not be done except by maintaining in its entirety the capital sum which has thus far been built up and by adopting in the very near future some definite plan whereby the Fund may be sufficiently increased to produce a revenue commensurate with the cases which we believe will gradually increase from year to year.

Brethren, we have endeavoured herein to place before you the

facts and probabilities as we see them in the hope that you will give them your most sincere and careful consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

N. B. WILLIAMS, Vice-President.

Report of Committee on Printing and Supplies

R.W. Bro. J. C. Moore presented the report of the Committee on Printing and Supplies which, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. C. Moore and M.W. Bro. J. K. Irwin, was received and adopted as follows:
To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Your Committee on Printing and Supplies beg leave to report that all necessary printing and supplies required for the Office of Grand Lodge have been procured chiefly from local firms who appreciate the Craft.

The main items, printing of the Proceedings, etc., are of course done by tender, the lowest tenderer so far getting the work.

Fraternally submitted,

J. C. MOORE, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Masonic Education and Research

W. Bro. Douglas Fraser presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Education and Research which, on motion of W. Bro. Douglas Fraser and R.W. Bro. H. M. Underhill, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

The personnel of the Committee for the past Masonic year was:

W. Bro. Douglas Fraser, Chairman.

M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Secretary.

R.W. Bro. H. M. Underhill.

V.W. Bro. A. W. Ingram.

W. Bro. A. E. Neville.

Bro. H. C. M. Brown.

Assistance, which we gratefully acknowledge, has been given by V.W. Bro. Rev. S. Farley, W. Bro. J. E. Campbell, Bros. Dr. A. N. Hardy and G. M. Thomson.

During the year, aside from two studies on incidental matters, we have specialized on the Sublime Degree. While we have touched on some of the symbolism generally, the emphasis has been placed on those lessons for living veiled in the Hiram Legend and that comfort for dying hinted in the teachings on Immortality.

To the educational work, one of Grand Lodge's activities specially preserved this year for his attention, the Grand Secretary has made an even greater contribution than heretofore. The office has been prompt and painstaking in preparing and distributing the material. Copies of the course of study and all bulletins are hereto attached.

With the close of this year we complete the program on which we entered three years ago—a progressive study of the three Degrees following as a uniform text Claudy's "Introduction to Freemasonry." To each Degree was devoted a year's work—monthly papers were prepared and distributed, relevant questions propounded, subjects for

debate suggested and references to other texts and authorities provided.

Those bulletins, if arranged and edited, would form a valuable contribution to Masonic literature. Any Mason who has followed them consistently and has devoted his leisure to their mastery may today justly claim to be an "educated Mason". He has done his duty by himself; has fitted himself to fulfil his obligations to his "inferior" Brethren and has learned Masonically "to estimate the wonderful works of the Almighty." He is qualified to work "with both points of the Compasses."

Sentiments recently voiced in my hearing by two prominent members of this Grand Lodge move me to make the foregoing observations. One Brother, in an address, challenged those present to define offhand and intelligently some of the commoner Masonic terms and intimated that in his opinion the overwhelming percentage of our members had no clear conception or appreciation of the fundamentals, much less the refinements, of Masonry. If such conclusion is justified, then Saskatchewan Masons have not taken advantage of the opportunities which Grand Lodge has afforded. There is no excuse for any conscientious Mason in this Jurisdiction not having a firm grasp and clear understanding of the essential teachings of the system, its history, symbolism and philosophy. If we grant that the deplorable condition to which the speaker referred does exist, then, wherein lies the remedy? Obviously it is to be found in more intensive Masonic education and research. That is the logical conclusion.

Later on the same evening the second Brother said: "I have come almost to the conclusion that in this Jurisdiction we are overdoing Masonic education. The Lodges are becoming surfeited with it. If there is a place and a future for it, perhaps a quarterly bulletin would answer." Clearly both opinions cannot be right—unless it be that our system is wrong. I do not think it is. Where faithfully followed splendid results have been achieved. Further, the best minds in other Jurisdictions have endorsed it enthusiastically and some have adopted it in part or in whole. Experience convinces us the fault does not lie in the method. In both cases the fault is with the individual members—whether officers or otherwise. Indolence on the one hand and indifference on the other account for the ignorance and mental indigestion of which the Brethren complained.

"Is learning your ambition, there is no royal road,

Alike the peer and peasant must climb to her abode."

Your Committee are not so pessimistic as the foregoing might suggest. We know that there are in this Jurisdiction many Masons, and not a few Lodges, that have acquired a profound appreciation of the philosophy of Masonry and who through these trying years have tapped reservoirs of life-giving waters fed from Masonry's springs that have refreshed and sustained them. Their faith has been renewed and their lives enriched by new understanding and fresh visions of the great fundamental truths which Masonry expounds and upon which her universal appeal and her survival depend.

John Buchan, our Governor General, in his biography "Montrose" has a word which we would gladly adopt for the comfort of your Committee and the encouragement of the Brethren:

"No great cause is ever lost or ever won. The battle must always be renewed and the creed restated and the old formulas, once so potent a revelation, become only dim antiquarian echoes. But some things are universal, catholic, undying—the souls of which such

formulas are the broken gleams. These do not age or pass out of fashion, for they symbolize eternal things. They are the guardians of the freedom of the human spirit, the proof of what our mortal frailty can achieve. Of this happy company Montrose is one."

May we be numbered among the like elect in the Masonic Company!

All of which is fraternally and respectfully submitted.

DOUGLAS FRASER, Chairman.

Votes of Appreciation

On motion of M.W. Bro. J. K. Irwin and W. Bro. J. G. Robertson, it was resolved that this Grand Lodge most heartily thank M.W. Bro. N. B. Williams for the very excellent report on the condition of Masonry presented by him. It is felt that such a report is of inestimable value to the Craft and it is hoped that it will be carefully read as required by Constitution and the suggestions therein contained put into practice.

On motion of M.W. Bro. R. Young and R.W. Bro. W. O. Fraser, it was resolved that the best thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to W. Bro. Douglas Fraser and his Committee on Masonic Education and Research for their splendid work throughout the year and the excellent report submitted at this Annual Communication.

Honourary Membership

On motion of M.W. Bros. N. B. Williams and J. W. MacNeill, it was resolved that M.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario; M.W. Bro. H. Woods, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba; and M.W. Bro. G. W. Craven, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana, be made Honourary Members of this Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge was called from labour at 5.00 p.m. until 7.30 p.m.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 7.30 p.m., M.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke, Grand Master, on the Throne; Grand Officers, Members and Representatives present.

Address

The M.W. the Grand Master called on M.W. Bro. G. W. Craven, P.G.M. of Montana. Bro. Craven commenced his remarks in humorous vein, caught the attention of the Brethren and held this attention throughout a beautiful address on Masonry. Bro. Craven's address was an outstanding contribution to the success of the meeting.

Report of Commission—Springside Lodge

M.W. Bro. N. B. Williams submitted the report of the Commission appointed to enquire into the affairs of Springside Lodge No. 159, and on motion of M.W. Bros. N. B. Williams and A. S. Gorrell, it was resolved that the report of the Commission be adopted and that any former member of Springside Lodge who does not comply

with the findings of the Commission by the fifteenth day of July, 1936, shall stand suspended. At the request of the Commission a standing vote was taken and carried unanimously.

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

At the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge on June 19th, 1935, a Commission consisting of M.W. Bros. N. B. Williams, W. B. Tate and R.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson were empowered to examine the books and records of Springside Lodge and to grant demits to such Brethren of said Lodge as were entitled to same.

M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate found it impossible to act on the Commission and the M.W. the Grand Master appointed M.W. Bro. A. S. Gorrell to fill the vacancy thus created.

The Commission, consisting of M.W. Bros. N. B. Williams, A. S. Gorrell and R.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson, met on Wednesday, November 6th, 1935.

R.W. Bro. H. Turner having made a request at the District Meeting of District No. 10 that he be notified of the time and place of meeting of said Commission had, by instruction of the Chairman of the Commission, been so notified under date October 21st, 1935. R.W. Bro. H. Turner was not in attendance and the Commission proceeded to examine the books and records of Springside Lodge with the following results:

According to the minutes of the meeting of Springside Lodge on October 19th, 1932, a motion was carried whereby the dues for the years 1932 and 1933 were set at one dollar (\$1.00). The annual dues as set by By-Law being ten dollars (\$10.00).

According to the minutes of the meeting of November 16th, 1932, the motion setting the dues for 1932 and 1933 at one dollar (\$1.00) was rescinded but it was resolved that those who had paid their 1932 dues on the basis of one dollar (\$1.00) be considered as having met their 1932 obligation.

According to the minutes of the meeting of March 15th, 1933, Notice of Motion was given reducing the annual dues for the year 1933 to five dollars (\$5.00) and at the Regular Meeting on April 12th, 1933, said Notice of Motion was voted on and carried, but never submitted to the Grand Master for approval.

According to the minutes of the meeting of April 4th, 1934, Notice of Motion was given that the Lodge surrender its Charter.

According to the minutes of the meeting of May 2nd, 1934, a motion was passed that action with respect to surrendering the Charter be delayed until a committee confer with Yorkton Lodge as to the possibility of moving the Charter of Springside Lodge to Yorkton, thereby creating a second Lodge in Yorkton.

According to the minutes of the meeting of May 30th, 1934, a motion was adopted to surrender the Charter. At the same meeting a further motion was adopted cancelling the 1934 dues and resolving to give all members a receipt showing them in good standing up to December 27th, 1934.

The Commission, after carefully examining the ledger account of each member of the Lodge, instructed the Assistant Grand Secretary as follows:

To immediately issue demits to the following Brethren:

A. L. Spencer
R. D. Loucks
C. E. McLaren
F. M. Lidster

Charles Everest
B. E. Ferguson, and
D. Pratt

And further instructed the Assistant Grand Secretary to issue demits to the balance of the membership on payment of amounts as herein set forth and to notify said members by registered mail with proof of delivery of the action that it would be necessary for them to take in order to procure their demits:

M. Mandel	\$5.00	H. Evans	\$6.00
R. D. McLeod	5.00	S. Nagler	5.00
J. Main	5.00	W. W. Spencer	5.00
R. F. Pinder	5.00	P. H. Lowenberg	6.00
B. C. Turner	5.00	E. P. Ivory	6.00
H. Slonim	6.00	G. T. Torgersen	5.00
W. S. Weidman	6.00	E. Jira	7.00
A. White	5.00	W. Abells	6.00
F. H. Willis	5.00	J. M. Orlund	5.00

Bros. M. Mandel, W. S. Weidman, W. Abells and S. Nagler, having met the conditions set down by the Commission, were subsequently issued their demits.

Fraternally submitted,

N. B. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Necrology

M.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly presented the report of the Committee on Necrology which, on motion of M.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly and R.W. Bro. A. M. Bell, was received and adopted as follows:
To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Again we bring to your memory those who have lain down the working tools entrusted to them here, to enter upon more congenial tasks in other spheres. We sorrow not at their going, but because we miss them, because the happiness they created for us is now only a memory, and because they can help us no longer in our work, work the better for the help they gave.

What an incentive to work and service is the thought that life and work is to go on forever, that we work and strive to build up our character, knowing that what we do and what we learn here is but the beginning of an edifice which will last through all eternity.

"My own dim life should teach me this,

That life shall live for evermore,

Else earth is darkness at the core,

And dust and ashes all that is."

While not a member of our Order, His Gracious Majesty King George V was a great Craftsman, and with all the other members of the Empire we sorrow at his passing. The example he set and the influence he had will carry on through the ages.

We join with the members of the Mother Grand Lodge of England in mourning the loss of two of the world's greatest Masons. The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master Lord Amptill who laid down the symbol of office on July 8th, 1935, after holding his office for 28 years. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Lord Cornwallis who laid down the working tools on September 26th, 1935, having been in this office since 1926.

Truly two great men and world known Craftsmen, who have had a tremendous influence not only in their own Grand Lodge, but on the Craft the world over.

We extend our sympathy to other Grand Lodges who too have lost members.

"Weep not that their toil is over,
Weep not that their race is done,
God grant that we may rest as calmly
When our work, like theirs, is done."

We recommend that memorial pages be placed in our Proceedings in memory of these Brethren.

Mrs. Davidson, wife of our beloved Past Grand Master, C. O. Davidson, passed away in January last, after an illness of only an hour. Our hearts are with our Most Worshipful Brother in his loneliness.

"Alive we loved her while she trod the earth,
And 'round her memory we a crown have placed;
For we can ne'er forget her sterling worth,
Nor all the deeds her kindly heart once graced."

We pay homage to the memory of the following Past Officers of Grand Lodge:

R.W. Bro. Oliver Neff of Moosomin Lodge No. 7, was initiated February 19th, 1890, in Moosomin Lodge, then No. 35, G.R. Manitoba. He was Worshipful Master in 1898. He was Very Worshipful Grand Steward in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in 1903. He was a member of the special committee appointed at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan to arrange a settlement in regard to a share of the funds accrued in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. He was a member of the first Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and served on the Board from its formation to 1914. He was Vice-President for the term 1911-12. He was the first Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence. He was D.D.G.M. of District No. 4 for the term 1907-08. He passed on, on August 29th, 1935.

R.W. Bro. Samuel B. Graham, also of Moosomin Lodge No. 7, affiliated with said Lodge July 21st, 1912, from Union Park Lodge No. 610, Illinois. He served his Lodge as Master in 1915 and became D.D.G.M. of District No. 4 in 1916. He passed on June 13th, 1935.

V.W. Bro. John H. Murphy was initiated on November 26th, 1895, in Ashlar Lodge No. 47, Whitewood, G.R. Manitoba. He became a charter member of Nanatah Lodge No. 53 at Balcarras, which was instituted on February 10th, 1909. He was made an Honourary Life Member of this Lodge and served as its Master in 1913. He affiliated with Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16, Saskatoon, on June 1st, 1915. He was appointed Grand Steward in 1921. He passed on, on February 8th, 1936.

V.W. Bro. William J. Nickle of Viscount Lodge No. 151, was a pioneer figure in Masonry. He was initiated in Saugeen Lodge No. 197, Walkerton, Ontario, on October 9th, 1883, so that at the time of his passing on he had been over fifty years a member of the Craft. He came West in the early days and affiliated with Carberry Lodge No. 29, Manitoba, and was Master of this Lodge in 1901. He was a charter member of Viscount Lodge No. 151, which was instituted on January 5th, 1920. He was appointed Grand Superintendent of Works in 1926. He was an Honourary Life Member of Viscount Lodge. He was born at Walkerville, Ontario, in 1856. He passed on, on November 5th, 1935.

"Their days have come, not gone,
Their sun has risen, not set,
Their lives are now beyond the reach
Of death or change,
Not ended, but begun."

We recommend that suitable memorial pages be placed in our Proceedings commemorating these Brethren.

Let us pause while we pay a just tribute to the Brethren of constituent Lodges who have passed into realms of life and light eternal. Each in his own portion of the Building has performed his task. You know their worth and accomplishments.

The names of these as taken from the returns will be inscribed in memorial pages.

"The longer on the earth we live
And weigh the various qualities of men
The more we feel the high, stern featured beauty
Of plain devotedness to duty,
Steadfast and still, nor paid with mortal praise,
But finding amplest recompense, for life's ungarlanded
expanse,

In work done squarely—and unwasted days."

We would have the relatives of these Brethren whose names have been transferred from our Register to that of the Grand Lodge above, know that they are not forgotten. They are with us still, they walk with us and meet with us in our Lodges.

"They are not dead these friends, not dead
But in the paths we mortals tread
Got some few trifling steps ahead
And nearer to the end.
So that we too, once past the bend
Shall meet them face to face, these
We fancy dead."

Fraternally submitted,

F. B. REILLY, Chairman.

Motions—Consideration Of

The hour having arrived for the consideration of Notices of Motion, it was moved by R.W. Bro. J. W. Estey (16) and W. Bro. H. D. Elliott (144):

"That Section 7, line 3, Section 211, Subsection 6, line 4, be amended by inserting after the word 'Saskatchewan' the following: 'and all of that portion of the North West Territories lying and being situate north of the northern boundary of the said Province of Saskatchewan between the second meridian on the east and the fourth meridian on the west.'" On the motion being put it was declared carried.

It was moved by V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate (11) and M.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly (2):

"That Rule 9 respecting Benevolent Fund, page 94, 1928 edition, line 1, be amended by inserting 'or such other person as the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund shall appoint' after the words 'Grand Treasurer' and before the words 'shall pay out.'" On the motion being put it was declared carried.

It was moved by V.W. Bro. A. Turnbull (92) and W. Bro. E. Morrell (92):

"That clause 59, page 26, 1928 edition, line 2 be amended thus: Delete 'Past Grand Masters' and substitute therefore 'Immediate Past Grand Master', and also line 4 after 'Grand Registrar', add 'six (6) Past Grand Masters, (three of whom shall be elected by ballot after nomination each year, and shall hold office for 2 years from date of election).'" On the motion being put it was declared lost.

Grand Chapter R. A. M.

Most Excellent Companion F. E. Doull, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan, was called on and extended the kindest fraternal greetings and felicitations of the Grand Body of which he was the head.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite

Illustrious Brother S. C. Burton, Deputy for Saskatchewan of the Sovereign Grand Commander, A. & A.S.R., was called on and extended fraternal greetings and good wishes of the members of the A. & A.S.R.

Grand Lodge was then called from labour at 10.00 p.m., until 9.30 a.m., Thursday, June 18th.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 9.30 a.m., on Thursday, June 18th, M.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke, Grand Master, on the Throne; Grand Officers, Members and Representatives present.

Regrets

A letter was read from R.W. Bro. A. G. Rawlinson expressing sincere regret that owing to disability resulting from his recent illness it would be impossible for him to be in attendance at Grand Lodge, and expressing his very best wishes for a successful and profitable Communication.

Nominations—Board of General Purposes

The Grand Secretary announced that the following Brethren had been nominated for the Board of General Purposes: E. C. Bird (174), S. J. A. Branion (63), J. C. Carter (65), W. L. Clink (19), D. Fraser (49), W. H. S. Glew (25), A. Greaves (144), H. McCreadie (64), A. W. Robinson (35), C. P. Seeley (60), L. S. Sifton (172), S. R. Stephens (71), H. M. Underhill (110), L. M. Watson (158), F. C. Wilson (163).

Nominations—Board of Benevolence

The Grand Secretary announced that the following Brethren had been nominated for the Board of Benevolence: J. McCauley (3), J. McGregor (60), A. Turnbull (92).

Report of Committee on Masonic History

M.W. Bro. J. Orville Clarke presented the report of the Committee on Masonic History which, on motion of M.W. Bros. J. Orville Clarke and W. B. Tate, was received and adopted as follows: To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M. Brethren:

Notwithstanding that the recommendation of your Committee made at the last Annual Communication relative to provision for the preservation and display in the Grand Secretary's office articles of historical value was adopted, no such provision has yet been made owing largely to the fact that the office is needed, at present at least, entirely for the purposes of the Grand Secretary and the Assistant Grand Secretary. However, your Committee has approached the Masonic Temple Company, Regina, and obtained permission to attach a glass case to the wall at the end of a committee room adjacent to the Grand Secretary's office. This case would accommodate such

documents and small articles as are in hand and are likely to be received for a number of years and your Committee recommends that it be given authority to acquire and instal this receptacle.

The following have been turned over to Grand Lodge since the last Annual Communication, namely:

One Certificate from Union Mark Lodge, Halifax, Nova Scotia, dated November 23, 1859.

One Master Mason's Certificate from Athole Lodge No. 361 (working under the Grand Lodge of Scotland), Halifax, Nova Scotia, dated October 10, 1859. (These two Certificates were turned over by M.W. Bro. J. McGregor of Saskatoon.)

One Certificate certifying the fact that the Ark Link Degrees have been conferred by the Assembly of the Ark Link and Mark Degrees attached to Lodge No. 325 at Gibraltar under the Grand Register of Ireland on Bro. Neil Matheson, dated April 4, 1848, and

One Certificate made out in the name of Bro. Neil Matheson from Royal Standard Lodge No. 564, Halifax, Nova Scotia, dated October 2, 1854.

One Travelling Card in the name of Bro. Neil Matheson, issued by Lodge No. 325, Halifax, Nova Scotia, dated November, 1847.

(These three items were turned over by R.W. Bro. J. D. Watson, Regina.)

One Founder's Jewel from Fairfax Lodge No. 3014, England, with the name of Bro. A. S. Perrin engraved thereon. This jewel was presented to the chairman of your Committee on behalf of Grand Lodge by R.W. Bro. S. J. Caught, Simpson, D.D.G.M. of District No. 16.

The appreciation and thanks of Grand Lodge are due to these donors for the interesting articles provided. Your Committee also desire to thank the Committee on Education for including in one of its monthly circulars an appeal on behalf of your Committee for further donations.

Historical data has been supplied during the past year from Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16, Saskatoon, and Long Lake Lodge No. 108, Liberty, and will be preserved in the archives of Grand Lodge.

A number of constituent Lodges throughout the Grand Jurisdiction have celebrated during the past year either the 25th or the 50th Anniversary of their Institution. Your Committee learns that in many instances a well prepared sketch of the history of the Lodge concerned was presented by a skilled Brother, and urges that copies of these sketches be furnished the Grand Secretary's Office.

Following the practice of the last few years, your Committee had prepared for insertion in the 1935 Proceedings of Grand Lodge a short biographical sketch of our present M.W. Grand Master.

The interest in and desire to secure further information and articles of historical value as expressed in previous reports still obtains. The continued co-operation to that end of all Grand Lodge officers and members of constituent Lodges is earnestly requested by your Committee so that the museum now started may grow in size and interest to the joy and satisfaction of the Craft as at present constituted but particularly of those who come after us.

Fraternally submitted,

J. ORVILLE CLARKE, Chairman.

Address

M.W. Bro. H. Woods, Grand Master of our Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was then called on and delivered the following address:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan:

Brethren:

I want first of all to say that I bring greetings from 106 Lodges composed of 11,000 Brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction of Manitoba, I want next to acknowledge with grateful thanks the kindly welcome you gave to me yesterday, a welcome which has continued all through the time I have been with you, and which has assured me that I have made many friends since coming among you.

I want now to add my tribute of appreciation of the splendid reports from the various Committees I listened to yesterday, it has been said that comparisons are odious, and so I do not want to make special reference to any of them, they were all of a very high order.

Brethren, I am a firm believer in the spiritual side of Freemasonry, and that belief is supported I think by the ritual and symbolism of the various Degrees, and so I am not here today to speak to you in meaningless platitudes or vague generalities, because I realize I am speaking to a body of men and Masons, and to my mind those two terms must always be synonymous, a Mason must always be a man in the highest, truest, and noblest sense of the word.

I need not dwell at any length, Brethren, upon the difficult times through which we are passing, times of suspicion, distrust and hatred, and times that constitute a challenge to every real man, be he a Mason or not, and if we will take time to sit down and think and be honest with ourselves I think we must acknowledge that these times are, to a certain extent at least, the result of our own actions. We have been smug, self-satisfied, self-sufficient, self-righteous individuals, almost ever since the close of the great war. Many of us, of course, may have attended our church fairly regularly, and to a certain extent supported it financially, but for the most part there has been no real worship in our attitude towards the Great Architect of the Universe, Sunday has been turned from a holy day into a holiday, and at times into a day of debauchery and excess, and as far as our worldly matters are concerned we have, generally speaking, left God out of our calculations altogether.

Whenever I think of the years, Brethren, from 1920 to 1929, I am always reminded of the words the Prophet Moses spoke to the Children of Israel as contained in the 8th Chapter of Deuteronomy:

"Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping His commandments, and His statutes, and His judgments, which I command thee this day: Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses and dwelt therein, and when thy flocks and thy herds multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, thou say in thine heart, my power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. For it shall be if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish."

Between 1920 and 1929, Brethren, we got away from the worship of God and set up gods of our own, the god of money was a very prominent one, and produced another, the god of pleasure or excitement, and the worship of this form of god has resulted in the debauchery and excess I have mentioned. There has also been the god

of envy which is known as "Keeping up with the Joneses", which has resulted in making us discontented and dissatisfied with our position in the world.

Brethren, we must never forget that man's thought of God is decisive in his life. A great God means great men, a lower conception of God results in lower types of humanity.

We talk a lot today about the Brotherhood of man, let us not forget that coupled with that must be the Fatherhood of God. Brotherhood suggests a common Fatherhood, and the one cannot be practised without the other.

I have said, Brethren, that these days constitute a challenge to every Mason, we have been accepted as members of this great Order, we profess belief in its principles, and don't let us lose sight of the fact that those principles, Brotherly love, relief, and truth, are God-made principles, and should not only be our guiding influence every day of our lives but should be inculcated into the mind of everyone with whom we come in contact from day to day.

Brethren, no man liveth unto himself, that is one of God's immutable Laws, therefore whether we know it or not we are influencing everyone with whom we come in contact, either for good or for evil, in our homes, in our offices, in our places of business, on the street, this unconscious influence is always working. Let us see to it that it makes for everything that is lofty and good.

In conclusion, Brethren, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, let us think on these things," and leave the baser things of the world alone.

And if we do this, we shall have the esteem and affection of the Brethren of our various Lodges, we shall be loved in our homes, we shall be respected in our business, and when we come to the end of the road we shall pass on to our reward, deeply regretted.

On motion of R.W. Bros. F. B. Williams and Loy S. Sifton, it was resolved "that M.W. Bro. Woods' address be incorporated in the Annual Proceedings."

Next Place of Meeting

An invitation was extended by M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, on behalf of the four Moose Jaw City Lodges, to hold the 31st Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in the City of Moose Jaw. On motion of R.W. Bros. H. M. Underhill and J. C. Carter, it was resolved "that Grand Lodge accept the invitation."

Report of Credential Committee

R.W. Bro. W. McCauley presented the report of the Credential Committee which, on motion of R.W. Bros. W. McCauley and F. C. Wilson, was received and adopted as follows:
To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Your Credential Committee beg to submit the following report:

Once again we have had the pleasure of registering the Brethren in the City of Saskatoon. The promptness of the Brethren in registering has been very much appreciated and has made the work of the Committee very pleasant.

We find on the Register 198 Lodges, of which 65 are not represented. Nine Lodges have the Master and two Wardens. There

are registered 55 Masters, 49 Wardens and 262 Past Masters, a total of 366 Representatives carrying a vote of 641.

Fraternally submitted,

W. McCauley, Chairman.

Election of Officers

The hour having arrived for the election of Officers the Grand Master appointed M.W. Bro. J. Orville Clarke, R.W. Bros. A. O. Brooks, A. Moffett, J. E. McLarty, F. C. Wilson, V.W. Bros. M. W. Coxworth, E. R. Dobbs, W. H. Gibson, W. A. Harper, W. Bros. W. H. Moor, R. McRae, scrutineers. The result of the ballot was as follows:

R.W. Bro. J. W. Estey (16)	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. M. Musk (63)	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton (186)	Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. H. M. Underhill (110)	Grand Junior Warden
R.W. Bro. J. C. Moore (2)	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate (6)	Grand Secretary
V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate (11)	Assistant Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. A. O. Brooks (77)	Grand Registrar
Bro. D. MacGregor (104)	Grand Tyler

Board of General Purposes

The following Brethren were elected to the Board of General Purposes for two years: E. C. Bird (174), D. Fraser (49), C. P. Seeley (60), Loy S. Sifton (172), F. C. Wilson (163); and for one year: S. J. A. Branion (63).

Board of Benevolence

The following Brethren were elected Trustees of the Benevolent Fund for the ensuing three years: J. McCauley (3), J. McGregor (60).

Greetings and Expressions of Regret from Grand Lodge

On motion of V.W. Bro. E. Cullum Bird (174) and W. Bro. H. MacKay (62), it was resolved "that the greetings of this Grand Lodge, coupled with expressions of regret at their inability to be present, be sent to M.W. Bros. C. O. Davidson and W. J. Smith, and R.W. Bros. A. G. Rawlinson and J. Wilkinson."

Vote of Thanks

On motion of W. Bros. Douglas Fraser and D. L. Rowntree, it was resolved "that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the Saskatoon Brethren for the excellent arrangements made for the comfort and pleasure of Brethren from outside points in attendance at this Annual Communication."

Grand Lodge was called from labour at 12.30 p.m., until 2.00 p.m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 2.00 p.m., M.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke, Grand Master, on the Throne; Grand Officers, Members and Representatives present.

Installation of Officers

All business to come before Grand Lodge having been transacted, the Grand Master called on M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate to act as Installing Officer, and the newly-elected Grand Master was duly installed,

M.W. Bro. James McGregor acting as Grand Director of Ceremonies. Immediately thereafter the remainder of the newly-elected Grand Officers were duly installed by M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate acting as Installing Officer and assisted by M.W. Bros. James McCauley, James McGregor and J. R. Yorke.

The following Brethren, selected by their respective Districts, were appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master as District Deputy Grand Masters for the ensuing year, and obligated and invested:

W. Bro. W. R. A. Orton, No. 1.	W. Bro. C. S. Hewitt, No. 9.
W. Bro. A. McArthur, No. 2.	W. Bro. A. G. Buck, No. 10.
W. Bro. J. U. Thoroughgood, No. 3.	W. Bro. A. E. Miscampbell, No. 11.
W. Bro. A. W. Ingram, No. 4.	W. Bro. R. E. Bishop, No. 12.
W. Bro. M. W. Coxworth, No. 5.	W. Bro. J. M. Scott, No. 13.
W. Bro. J. C. Martin, No. 6.	W. Bro. W. G. Bock, No. 14.
W. Bro. A. J. Bater, No. 7.	W. Bro. C. Stackhouse, No. 15.
W. Bro. H. M. Connor, No. 8.	W. Bro. E. F. Richardson, No. 16.
W. Bro. J. Sinclair, No. 17.	

The following Brethren were also appointed to office for the ensuing year by the M.W. the Grand Master, and were duly invested:

W. Bro. T. H. Sendall (17)	Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. C. C. Gillis (176)	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Bro. A. Binnie (168)	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Bro. M. Fritshaw (76)	Grand D. of C.
W. Bro. J. K. Pomeroy (52)	Grand Supt. of Works
Bro. W. E. Winterton (60)	Grand Organist
W. Bro. G. Pinder (197)	Grand Pursuivant

Grand Stewards

W. Bro. A. E. Hokanson (117).	W. Bro. T. H. Porter (126).
W. Bro. A. Shotton (184).	W. Bro. R. H. Nicholson (87).
W. Bro. A. T. McAuslan (182).	W. Bro. A. Gustofson (98).
W. Bro. G. S. Croley (162).	W. Bro. L. Douslin (192).
W. Bro. V. N. Squire (140).	

The Acting Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the elected and appointed Officers duly installed and invested for the ensuing twelve months.

Presentation to Retiring Grand Master

Immediately following the installation of Grand Officers, M.W. Bro. J. McCauley, on behalf of Grand Lodge, presented the retiring Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Joseph R. Yorke, with a suitably engraved Past Grand Master's Jewel in recognition of his services to Grand Lodge during the past year.

Grand Lodge Closes

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Thirtieth Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 3.00 p.m.



ROBT. A. TATE,

Assistant Grand Secretary.

In Memory
of
The Illustrious Head
of
Sister Grand
Lodges

IN MEMORY OF
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER
Oliver Neff
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
District No. 4, 1907
Died August 29th, 1935

IN MEMORY OF
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER
Samuel B. Graham
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
District No. 4, 1916
Died June 13th, 1935

IN MEMORY OF
VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER
John H. Murphy
GRAND STEWARD, 1921
Died February 8th, 1936

IN MEMORY OF
VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER
William J. Nickle
GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS, 1926
Died November 5th, 1935

In Memory of



No.	Lodge	Name
1.	Kinistino	Walter Stevenson, Alexander W. Brodie, Thomas E. Jackson, Richard Gwynne, Ernest J. F. Coster.
2.	Wascana	Robert H. Knox, Joseph B. Shaw, Charles A. Smith, Joseph Craddock.
3.	Moose Jaw	Albert Fowler, Thomas M. Guthrie, James L. Hilton, Thomas A. Savigny, John Campbell, Frank W. Marlatt, Francis W. Chapman.
7.	Moosomin	Frank B. Fenwick, Robert Stewart, Samuel B. Graham, Oliver Neff.
9.	Maple Leaf	Horace A. Greeley.
11.	N. W. M. P.	George H. Barnes, Charles R. Millar, David Orr.
12.	Yorkton	John T. Spice.
15.	Amity	Joseph Carter.
16.	Saskatchewan	Frank Stride, William J. Hill, Lindsay S. Parrott, John H. Murphy.
18.	Melfort	George Cowie.
19.	Battle	Wilson Humphries.
21.	Arcola	William B. Empey.
23.	Britannia	George H. Bramhall.
25.	Estevan	William Bevan, Charles W. Locke.
32.	Golden Rule	John Wilkie.
33.	Davidson	Samuel F. Rowe.
34.	Lang	Noble Irvine, William J. Smith.
35.	Prince Rupert	Max Oettinger, Eugene A. Rhodes.
41.	Drinkwater	Alonzo Keith.
48.	Grayson	John W. E. Morris.
49.	Assiniboia	William J. Bailey, Henry H. Haward.
51.	Touchwood	Edward Stanley.
52.	Border	Asahel D. Henry.
53.	Nanatah	John H. Murphy.
55.	Craik	Ole P. Moe, William H. Cowan, Charles W. Parks, Adam S. Gibson.
58.	King Solomon	George A. Elsasser.
60.	Imperial	John L. Byers.
61.	Rocanville	William A. Walker, Samuel J. McKibbin.
62.	Melville	Henry Griffith.
64.	Manitou	William R. Walmsley, George E. Saunders, John J. McLean, Edway H. Fishleigh.
68.	Govan	Charles B. Latta.

In Memory of

No.	Lodge	Name
69.	Carrot River	John A. Geddes.
70.	Cypress	Edward H. Busse, Floyd N. Imhoff.
71.	Doric	David Rose, Robert E. Grieve, Robert H. Kennedy, Joseph S. Brown.
73.	Unity	William Anderson.
74.	Kilwinning	Arthur E. Palmer.
75.	Harmony	George Mair.
78.	Tugaske	James S. Crozier.
83.	Meridian	Robert J. Roberts.
85.	Zealandia	Robert Baird.
86.	Kindersley	Phillip A. Munroe.
88.	Briercrest	Thomas Ross.
89.	Twin City	Milton J. Becker, David J. Guthrie, Thomas S. Lawley.
93.	Morse	Robert P. Early, James M. Forsyth, Lawrence Naismith.
97.	Radisson	Chester G. Tackabury.
100.	Biggar	Harry S. Tenney.
103.	Composite	Alfred T. Page.
104.	King Hiram	Ralph E. Fletcher, Herbert A. Bond, Stephen K. Kimball.
108.	Long Lake	James H. Cooper.
109.	Limerick	James Lindsay.
110.	Shaunavon	Gilbert L. Johnston.
112.	Woodrow	Robert G. Emery.
119.	Cabri	Prine H. Gossard.
123.	Lancer	Howell Powell.
124.	Mount Hermon	Benjamin R. Davidson.
132.	Conquest	Donald White, John L. Thompson.
136.	St. George	Charles H. Broadfoot.
144.	Victory	George R. Scruton, Alfred D. Spring, Harold A. Baker.
146.	Asquith	Christopher Mather.
147.	Elstow	Ronald F. MacDougal.
151.	Viscount	William J. Nickle.
152.	Star City	Frederick Wills.
154.	Banner	Johnston L. R. Parsons.
172.	Memorial	Thomas H. Webb.
174.	St. Andrews	Alexander C. Rattray.
178.	Norquay	Nathaniel Wylie.
180.	Herbert	Albert E. McIver.
183.	Nipawin	Alexander Dobson.
187.	Lucky Lake	Isadore Singer.
194.	Vanguard	Anson C. Johnston.

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE

Elected at its foundation, August, 1906, and annually since.

Year	G.M.	D.G.M.	G.S.W.	G.J.W.	G. Treas.	G. Sec'y.	Gr. Regist.
1906—	H. H. Campkin	iC. O. Davidson	*H. Jagger	W. B. Tate	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*A. H. Smith
1907—	H. H. Campkin	iC. O. Davidson	*H. Jagger	W. B. Tate	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*A. H. Smith
1908—	iC. O. Davidson	*H. Jagger	W. B. Tate	*J. McGuirl	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*H. C. Lisle
1909—	*H. Jagger	W. B. Tate	*Wm. Hopkins	*J. McGuirl	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*A. C. Patterson
1910—	*W. B. Tate	*Wm. Hopkins	A. S. Gorrell	*W. B. Willoughby	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*F. S. Proctor
1911—	*Wm. Hopkins	A. S. Gorrell	*W. B. Willoughby	iL. T. McDonald	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*D. P. Kennedy
1912—	A. S. Gorrell	*W. B. Willoughby	iL. T. McDonald	*W. M. Thomson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	F. B. Reilly
1913—	*W. B. Willoughby	iL. T. McDonald	*W. M. Thomson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	F. B. Reilly
1914—	iL. T. McDonald	*W. M. Thomson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. Montgomery	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	F. B. Reilly
1915—	*W. M. Thomson	*J. H. Anderson	R. Young	C. Stewart	*A. Sheppard	W. B. Tate	F. B. Reilly
1916—	*J. H. Anderson	J. McCauley	R. Young	N. B. Williams	*A. Sheppard	W. B. Tate	F. B. Reilly
1917—	J. McCauley	R. Young	N. B. Williams	*E. L. Elwood	*A. Sheppard	W. B. Tate	F. B. Reilly
1918—	R. Young	N. B. Williams	*E. L. Elwood	iG. M. Weir	*A. Sheppard	W. B. Tate	F. B. Reilly
1919—	N. B. Williams	*E. L. Elwood	iG. M. Weir	J. E. McFee	*A. Sheppard	W. B. Tate	F. B. Reilly
1920—	*E. L. Elwood	iG. M. Weir	*A. Sheppard	J. W. MacNeill	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. A. Mooney
1921—	iG. M. Weir	*A. Sheppard	J. W. MacNeill	*D. A. Kingsbury	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. A. Mooney
1922—	*A. Sheppard	J. W. MacNeill	*D. A. Kingsbury	G. Swain	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. A. Mooney
1923—	J. W. MacNeill	*D. A. Kingsbury	G. Swain	W. J. Smith	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. A. Mooney
1924—	*D. A. Kingsbury	G. Swain	W. J. Smith	W. M. Martin	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. A. Mooney
1925—	G. Swain	W. J. Smith	W. M. Martin	J. K. Irwin	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	*J. W. Gram
1926—	W. J. Smith	W. M. Martin	J. K. Irwin	J. O. Clarke	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. R. Yorke
1927—	W. M. Martin	J. K. Irwin	J. O. Clarke	C. P. Moore	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. R. Yorke
1928—	J. K. Irwin	J. O. Clarke	C. P. Moore	J. McGregor	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. R. Yorke
1929—	J. O. Clarke	C. P. Moore	J. McGregor	F. B. Reilly	J. C. Moore	W. B. Tate	J. R. Yorke
1930—	C. P. Moore	J. McGregor	F. B. Reilly	N. R. Craig	J. C. Moore	W. B. Tate	J. R. Yorke
1931—	J. McGregor	F. B. Reilly	N. R. Craig	*M. A. MacKay	J. C. Moore	W. B. Tate	J. R. Yorke
1932—	F. B. Reilly	N. R. Craig	*M. A. MacKay	T. W. Sutherland	J. C. Moore	W. B. Tate	J. R. Yorke
1933—	N. R. Craig	*M. A. MacKay	T. W. Sutherland	J. R. Yorke	J. C. Moore	W. B. Tate	A. Johnstone
1934—	T. W. Sutherland	J. R. Yorke	J. W. Estey	M. Musk	J. C. Moore	W. B. Tate	A. Johnstone
1935—	J. R. Yorke	J. W. Estey	M. Musk	S. C. Burton	J. C. Moore	W. B. Tate	A. Johnstone
1936—	J. W. Estey	M. Musk	S. C. Burton	H. M. Underhill	W. B. Tate		A. O. Brooks

* Deceased

† Left the Jurisdiction

STATISTICAL TABLE—

	No. of Lodge	Membership March, 1935	Membership March, 1936	Initiated	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended	Com. L. Mbrs.	Deaths	Meetings Held Regular	Meetings Held Emergent	Average Attendance
Kinistino	1	139	134	2	3	2	6	2	1	3	10	13	28
Wascana	2	258	245	1	1		3	6	3	3	10	8	29
Moose Jaw	3	326	316	3		1	3	5		6	10	16	51
Qu'Appelle Valley	4	39	39		1	1	1	1			12	1	16
Indian Head	5	84	87	3	1		1				11	4	26
Qu'Appelle	6	43	42				1				13	1	17
Moosomin	7	86	83			1		1	1	2	10	2	13
Ashlar	8	36	36		1		1				11		11
Maple Leaf	9	68	67		1		1			1	11	4	23
Evening Star	10	40	40		1			1			8	1	13
N. W. M. P.	11	258	243	4	7		5	12	7	2	10	7	45
Yorkton	12	88	90	3	2		1		2		10	1	23
Duck Lake	13	28	28								10	1	11
Sintaluta	14	54	54								11		15
Amity	15	49	46					1	1	1	11		12
Saskatchewan	16	295	271	2	2	1	5	16	4	4	10	8	49
Carlyle	17	67	68	1	2		2				11		15
Melfort	18	133	127	2			2	4	1	1	12	4	24
Battle	19	65	58	2	1		1	6	2	1	10	3	22
Weyburn	20	88	89	3	2		3	1			10		26
Arcola	21	51	51	2	1		1		1	1	10	1	14
Rosthern	22	47	47	1			1				12	1	13
Britannia	23	79	79	4			1	2		1	11	4	19
Wolseley	24	31	32	1							10		7
Estevan	25	104	98	2			1	3	3	1	12		23
Swift Current	26	124	122	5	2		3	6			12	3	27
Alameda	27	24	24								1		8
Hanley	28	48	48								10	1	10
Heward	29	35	35								5	1	9
New Hope	30	51	53	2	1			1			12		14
Ionic	31	140	135	4	3		4	1	7		11	4	35
Golden Rule	32	33	32							1	11	1	12
Davidson	33	75	77	2							11	4	21
Lang	34	43	38				3			2	10	1	15
Prince Rupert	35	71	74	3	1	4	1		2	2	10	3	22
Bruce	36	63	64	1	1		1				10	1	16
Wapella	37	42	36				2	1	3		10	1	10
Ekapo	38	41	40					1			8		8
Boscurvis	39	43	37	1				4	2	1	11	3	18
Rouleau	40	79	78						1		10		19
Drinkwater	41	62	57		2		3	3		1	11	1	12
Caron	42	65	64	1		1	3				12	2	22
Ishpaming	43	26	27	2					1		8	2	9
Landmark	44	79	75			1	1	3	1		14	1	18
Aurora	45	35	36		2		1				12	1	14
Strasbourg	46	39	36		1		3		1		10	1	12
Cupar	47	40	38	1	1		4				12	1	13
Grayson	48	43	40				1		1	1	11	2	9

CONSTITUENT LODGES

Am't Paid for Local Relief	Members 12 Months in Arrears	Total Arrearages	Cash on Hand	Assets	Liabilities	Ins. in Force	No. Visits by D.D.G.M.	Does Lodge own its own Hall?
209.25	72	844.00	1,695.38	5,000.00		4,000.00	1	No
	84	1,149.00	179.00	15,592.31	4,784.14	300.00	1	Pt.
476.95	11	92.00	1,854.98	68,488.35		Full	1	Yes
358.00	1	18.00	357.00	3,011.00		3,000.00	1	Yes
53.00	22	165.00	237.00	892.00		500.00	1	No
50.00	23	306.00	300.00	4,148.00	672.00	2,500.00	1	Yes
	44	713.00	52.50	1,001.80		1,220.00	1	No
	16	126.00	49.74	1,675.74	75.60	1,200.00	1	Yes
102.00	17	170.00	265.25	2,600.00	33.50	1,500.00	3	No
30.00	7	82.00	71.50	281.90	75.00	500.00	1	No
55.00	117	1,760.50	821.85	13,357.35	1,770.00	150.00	1	Pt.
71.85	41	713.00	422.58	4,185.58		300.00	1	No
	11	114.00	49.70	1,000.00	60.00	400.00	1	No
	39	579.00	120.00	1,000.00		1,700.00	2	Pt.
	29	562.25	250.71	750.00		500.00	1	No
453.50	37	1,022.00	1,732.04	8,269.04	73.00	400.00	1	Yes
7.50	40	553.00	217.80	450.00		450.00	1	No
90.00	82	1,835.68	147.47	2,200.00		850.00	1	No
68.39	39	1,058.00	128.50	2,029.50		500.00	1	No
45.00	88	890.00	50.00	8,000.00		3,500.00	1	Yes
12.00	25	277.00	225.73	750.00		300.00	1	No
58.00	15	175.00	174.05	5,000.00	2,450.00	2,800.00	1	Yes
	41	549.90	21.29	3,800.00	538.20	2,550.00	1	Yes
	20	439.00	53.00	250.00	51.00	250.00	1	No
	54	839.00	130.68	750.00		700.00	1	No
	68	1,152.62	319.41	11,097.03	6,057.00	7,000.00	2	Yes
48.00	13	296.00	62.21	508.00			1	No
	24	518.00	132.92	1,450.00		800.00	1	No
	9	118.50	9.10	1,781.60	114.33	1,100.00	1	Yes
	27	858.50	349.26	1,000.00	35.00	200.00	1	No
220.00	68	1,026.90	1,870.87	4,856.10	197.25	250.00	1	No
	22	385.50	114.62	495.00		350.00	1	No
70.00	43	538.40	149.15	1,481.95		500.00	1	No
	21	260.00	29.27	1,850.50	30.00	500.00	1	Yes
	32	363.00	358.95	5,132.55	102.00	3,000.00	2	Yes
	38	267.00	173.80	4,200.00	25.00	4,000.00	1	Pt.
	23	250.50	346.47	205.50			1	No
	21	583.00	245.95	1,600.00		1,200.00	1	Yes
25.00	7	92.90	126.75	619.65	195.50	600.00	1	No
	37	345.00	607.38	5,317.80	35.00	2,900.00	1	Yes
	24	398.00	100.00	700.00	90.00	450.00	1	No
	22	259.50	77.86	2,963.86		1,250.00	1	Yes
	9	262.00	1.82	517.00	123.35	300.00	1	No
	15	139.00	31.52	4,188.30	627.00	3,300.00	1	Yes
48.00	9	224.00	15.00	550.00		200.00	0	No
	22	713.50	42.09	1,285.59	120.10	600.00	1	No
25.00	20	285.00	350.00	4,950.00		2,500.00	2	Yes
	12	320.00	364.00	500.00	75.00	350.00	2	No

	No. of Lodge	Membership March, 1935	Membership March, 1936	Initiated	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended	Com. L. Mbrs.	Deaths	Meetings Held Regular	Meetings Held Emergent	Average Attendance
Assiniboia	49	274	263										40
Golden Fleece	50	50	50								3	1	12
Touchwood	51	25	20			1	1	4		1	10	1	10
Border	52	24	23							1	11		7
Nanatah	53	61	60	1			1	1			12	2	19
Buchanan	54	15	17	2							4	1	8
Craik	55	51	47	1			1	2		2	11	4	17
Elbow View	56	26	25						1		8	1	7
Prairie	57	53	54	1	2			1	1		11		20
King Solomon	58	60	59	2	1			2	1	1	13	1	18
Canora	59	62	59					1	2		12	2	15
Imperial	60	191	195	5	3	3	3	3	1		10	19	35
Rocanville	61	36	33						1	2	10	2	14
Melville	62	107	105	4	3		2	6		1	10	5	23
Prince Albert	63	124	131	4	7		1	1	2		10	10	31
Manitou	64	76	72	1	1		2			4	10	3	18
Outlook	65	56	55	1			2				11	1	14
Wynyard	66	55	57	2							12	2	14
Eyebrow	67	31	31								8		9
Govan	68	60	60		1		1				11	1	17
Carrot River	69	63	66	2	1						13	3	17
Cypress	70	81	85	3	4		1			2	9	1	19
Doric	71	113	106	4			6		2	3	10	4	30
Corinthian	72	75	71				1	3			11	1	17
Unity	73	81	79	2	1		1	3		1	12	2	24
Kilwinning	74	43	42							1	9	1	17
Harmony	75	40	38		1	1	3			1	12	2	14
Tisdale	76	99	104	2	8		1	4			11	3	30
Abernethy	77	55	54				1				12	1	20
Tugaske	78	60	60			1		1			13		16
Foam Lake	79	45	45		1	1	2				9		12
Connaught	80	30	29		1	1	3				9	1	10
Tuscan	81	40	40		1	1	2				10	1	11
Victoria	82	65	68	2	2				1		11	1	17
Meridian	83	43	41							1	12	2	13
Lanigan	84	50	41	3			2	6	4		10	3	12
Zealandia	85	34	34								12	2	16
Kindersley	86	104	101				2			1	12	5	19
Wadena	87	44	44	1		1	2				13	4	18
Briercrest	88	42	39				2			1	8		11
Twin City	89	85	80		1		3			3	10	2	15
Kerrobert	90	88	82	1			3	4			12	1	19
Rosetown	91	94	100	6	2		1		1		11	4	25
Lodge Progress	92	233	231	6		2	4	5	1		10	14	55
Morse	93	50	47					1		2	12	3	11
Maryfield	94	47	47										
Evergreen	95	21	22	1							8	1	7
Yellow Grass	96	43	43		1		1				10		16
Radisson	97	43	43	2	1	1	2	1		1	11	3	17
Union	98	38	35		1		1	3			10	1	11

Am't Paid for Local Relief	Members 12 Months in Arrears	Total Arrearages	Cash on Hand	Assets	Liabilities	Ins. in Force	No. Visits by D.D.G.M.	Does Lodge own its own Hall?
	101	1,999.33	23.95	13,143.28	2,670.13	200.00	1	Pt.
	40	603.35	32.04	635.00	150.00		1	No
60.00	5	50.00	93.70	843.70		500.00	1	No
	8	88.00	50.81	300.00			1	No
25.00	19	744.00	578.00	4,755.00		1,300.00	1	Yes
	7	144.00	95.14	1,200.00		1,000.00	1	Yes
	20	171.00	294.91	4,110.01	41.50	2,100.00	1	Yes
	12	137.55	33.37	1,187.50		400.00	1	No
	16	334.00	20.00	2,400.00		1,400.00	1	Yes
46.95	21	250.00	77.16	4,563.16	2,599.61	2,500.00	0	Yes
49.60	21	288.00	26.79	3,044.79	484.25	2,200.00	0	Yes
100.00	35	1,130.00	125.00	6,580.67	250.00	300.00	2	Pt.
66.25	14	176.00	128.19	350.00		150.00	2	No
95.00	50	655.44	527.19	9,726.25	5,176.17	6,200.00	0	Yes
87.30	67	837.00	801.20	3,810.63		4,000.00	1	No
35.00	38	636.80	125.73	1,300.00		1,000.00	1	No
13.35	21	275.00	150.00	1,500.00		800.00	1	Yes
75.00	6	45.00	35.00	2,800.00		500.00	1	No
	30	622.50	29.94	2,340.00		600.00	1	No
56.00	14	425.50	83.65	8,560.83	1,736.21	4,000.00	1	Yes
	15	310.00	480.00	2,300.00	32.96	1,500.00	1	No
	52	1,579.50	38.78	6,500.00	2,500.00	2,800.00	1	Yes
290.00	42	1,040.00	156.08	2,880.57	137.50	400.00	1	No
	45	512.00	2.24	1,300.00		750.00	1	No
	43	497.00	146.00	600.00	67.50	350.00	1	No
	11	91.20	30.00	900.00	75.00	750.00	1	No
100.00	17	198.00	167.99	815.99		300.00	1	No
73.25	6	124.35	144.57	5,000.00		3,425.00	1	Yes
	24	244.00	154.00	1,008.00	45.00	350.00	1	No
	45	850.00	90.95	3,000.00	250.00	1,500.00	1	Yes
18.00	1	5.00	25.68	1,117.00		200.00	1	No
	18	276.00	93.00			350.00	1	No
	20	427.70	45.47	1,154.17	81.50	500.00	1	No
			975.00	3,750.00	91.05	2,500.00	1	Yes
7.50	16	403.00	121.02	1,600.00		1,200.00	1	Yes
51.00	17	350.00	373.33	1,543.33	83.00	500.00	1	No
	12	69.40	33.19	4,913.00	174.00	900.00	1	Yes
155.00	31	808.00	248.18	6,880.15		4,500.00	1	Yes
25.00	8	89.45	115.00	1,000.00		700.00	1	No
	25	739.00	43.75	4,000.00	2,300.00	1,650.00	1	Yes
112.55	34	489.00	1,112.27	2,800.00		500.00	1	No
50.00	4	74.00	148.94	5,151.58	334.20	2,000.00	1	No
	32	450.50	345.00	5,000.00	1,100.00	3,300.00	1	Yes
152.04	62	883.50	515.89	11,041.05	2,717.16	2,800.00	1	Pt.
	22	677.31	188.85	6,677.31	2,100.00	4,000.00	1	Yes
	14	713.00	148.46	4,000.00	2,440.00	2,000.00	1	Yes
	12	160.00	86.86	300.00	25.00	200.00	0	No
25.00	10	119.00	273.94	1,423.94		300.00	2	No
5.00	9	180.50	201.64	932.14		400.00	1	No

Am't Paid for Local Relief	Members 12 Months in Arrears	Total Arrearages	Cash on Hand	Assets	Liabilities	Ins. in Force	No. Visits by D.D.G.M.	Does Lodgown its own Hall?
	27	249.00		200.00		200.00	0	No
100.00	16	911.00	591.56	2,491.56		300.00	1	No
	36	1,025.00	182.31	3,500.00	1,450.00	2,500.00	1	Yes
15.00	7	135.00	245.53	3,100.53		1,200.00	0	Yes
10.00	20	231.00	42.38	869.94	5.00	450.00	1	No
185.40	46	730.15	75.22	10,874.67	447.02	300.00	1	Pt.
	17	902.00	17.58	3,216.00	375.00	2,400.00	1	Yes
	39	468.00	117.24	1,947.74		250.00	1	No
	24	258.00	763.52	2,697.66		320.00	1	No
	27	187.00	78.51	3,500.00		2,200.00	1	Yes
	44	1,068.00	190.00	2,158.00		750.00	1	No
29.25	40	701.40	1,609.90	7,444.41		1,000.00	1	No
	11	70.00	1,629.89	2,429.89		400.00	1	No
	22	331.50	392.44	1,566.65	31.00	200.00	1	No
	30	224.00	42.50	2,500.00		1,450.00	0	Yes
81.00	34	790.00	444.81	4,344.81	500.00	2,500.00	1	Yes
	11	169.00	263.70	500.00		400.00	1	No
	23	275.00	140.65	1,500.00		1,200.00	1	Pt.
	17	223.50	10.07	535.00	9.00	280.00	1	No
	29	515.60	83.00	300.00	55.00	300.00	0	No
	8	82.00	433.03	1,616.03		500.00	1	No
	32	600.00	92.82	4,000.00	1,100.00	2,000.00	1	Yes
	12	159.50	24.70	374.20	13.00	200.00	1	No
	19	292.00	160.00	2,052.00	60.00	2,600.00	1	Yes
	37	298.00	71.00	2,000.00		1,200.00	1	Yes
14.00			92.51	3,950.25	74.00	300.00	1	No
50.00	38	460.00	362.21	4,500.00		3,000.00	2	Yes
	7	120.00	266.72	2,636.72		200.00	1	Pt.
25.00	18	263.00	83.05	600.00		200.00	1	No
	4	32.00	393.36	843.36		150.00	1	No
	10	180.00	51.00	3,640.21	1,185.21	2,000.00	2	Yes
31.00	8	203.50	278.70	300.00		300.00	1	No
	20	197.75	253.82	2,769.57	756.55	2,150.00	1	Yes
	31	575.85	90.67	700.00		400.00	1	No
50.00	17	360.00	35.00	1,900.00		600.00	1	Yes
	11	365.10	112.09	7,598.22	1,381.10	5,000.00	1	Yes
	20	550.00	65.00	2,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	1	Yes
127.00	67	523.00	308.34	3,274.55	638.90	200.00	1	No
	9	175.00	16.10	1,300.00	450.00	900.00	1	Yes
	28	258.00	360.87	1,642.29		250.00	1	No
	3	14.00	38.47	1,750.00		1,750.00	1	Yes
	14	235.00	211.45	4,041.35	2,665.00	3,500.00	1	Yes
7.00			378.38	864.31		800.00	2	No
35.00	33	968.00	704.10	6,277.00		5,500.00	1	Yes
		4.00	8.83	2,200.00	1,600.00	1,800.00	1	Yes
	42	414.00	97.00	1,800.00	1,900.00		1	Pt.
	9	96.00	694.63	2,619.32		200.00	1	No
18.75	7	135.00	376.01	911.01	45.00	300.00	1	No
65.00	23	399.00	500.00	1,270.00		400.00	1	No
	20	280.00	5.00	3,500.00		1,300.00	1	Yes

Am't Paid for Local Relief	Members 12 Months in Arrears	Total Arrearages	Cash on Hand	Assets	Liabilities	Ins. in Force	No. Visits by D.D.G.M.	Does Lodge own its own Hall?
	10	331.60	497.97	455.80	25.00	300.00	1	No
7.00	7	63.60	195.57	2,000.00		1,900.00	0	Yes
	17	415.00	122.02	2,600.00		2,000.00	1	Yes
10.00	146	2,456.50	1,010.14	15,405.32		150.00	1	Pt.
	4	59.75	132.34	200.00		150.00	1	No
2.00	38	1,085.00	76.93	4,500.00	4,124.00	1,500.00	1	Yes
	8	151.00	456.00	800.00		350.00	1	No
	22	402.00	256.06	2,187.00	15.00	1,800.00	1	Yes
	16	241.00	108.40	649.00		250.00	1	No
	6	64.00	113.00	200.00		250.00	0	No
	1	10.00	277.54			1,600.00	1	Yes
	20	265.00	160.00	400.00		400.00	1	No
	20	430.65	52.30	4,482.95	3,184.61	3,500.00	1	Yes
	8	64.00	469.76	769.76		300.00	1	No
	18	411.44	140.78	1,062.22		400.00	1	No
18.30	17	222.00	199.19	1,400.00	400.00	1,400.00	0	Yes
	12	148.00	93.00	750.00	500.00	1,500.00	1	Yes
	18	296.00	263.58	1,200.00		400.00	0	No
	30	1,176.50	40.00	4,500.00	506.85	1,000.00	1	Yes
17.30	9	124.00	14.72	750.00		750.00	1	No
	25	489.25	322.95	1,916.10	356.30	300.00	2	No
	14	510.00	165.50	283.55		250.00	1	No
	91	1,747.60	28.36	11,487.96	7,048.93	350.00	1	Pt.
	15	370.00	30.98	780.00	40.00	300.00	1	No
	19	182.00	154.48	2,000.00		1,000.00	1	Yes
	45	495.00	341.42	1,836.42		1,000.00	1	No
58.52	17	315.00	67.01	3,243.01	1,276.00	2,000.00	1	Yes
	7	69.00	150.62	719.62		500.00	1	No
	23	366.25	217.82	600.00		500.00	1	No
	9	120.00	305.75	3,000.00	1,525.00	1,650.00	1	Yes
36.00	5	38.00	93.60	2,193.85	560.00	1,500.00	1	Yes
25.00	9	105.00	677.15	817.50		600.00	1	No
	19	163.35	80.48	993.83		300.00	1	No
	20	400.00	491.25	1,191.25		200.00	1	No
	30	1,444.75	86.78	11,531.53	6,565.15	200.00	1	Pt.
	11	12.00	77.00	1,545.70		200.00	1	No
8.00	20	240.00	85.24	1,059.24		200.00	1	No
	7	68.00	163.37	500.00		400.00	1	No
6.60	7	87.00	733.36	933.36		200.00	1	No
	3	44.00	132.00	300.00		300.00	1	No
	8	143.95	9.50	3,759.00	665.00	2,500.00	1	Yes
			203.64	1,500.00		1,200.00	7	Yes
	13	347.00	70.11	672.11	60.00	200.00	1	No
5.00	2	110.00	65.69	664.69	33.62	500.00	1	No
			346.57	285.65		240.00	1	No
			321.41	1,000.00	350.00	300.00	1	Yes
	4	40.00		2,500.00	600.00	1,500.00	1	Yes
	10	195.00	31.84	1,685.62	268.00	1,430.00	1	Yes
	1	16.00	286.24	200.00			0	No

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

<i>To Sask.</i>		<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>From Sask.</i>	
F. T. Fraser	Tisdale	Alabama	J. D. Pruett	Boaz
A. A. Wilson	Saskatoon	Alberta	W. J. Botterill	Red Deer
S. C. Burton	Regina	Arizona	J. K. Chilton	Clifton
Wm. McCauley	Regina	Arkansas	M. J. Manning	Clarendon
Robt. A. Tate	Regina	Br. Columbia	H. B. Morley	Penticton
A. S. Gorrell	Regina	Canada in Ont.	E. G. Dixon	Hamilton
F. W. Hart	Indian Head	Chile	Luis Quiroga	Santiago
A. G. Rawlinson	Qu'Appelle	Colorado	C. S. Desch, Jr.	Denver
W. G. Robinson	Francis	Connecticut	G. B. Lewis	Naugatuck
H. S. Craig	Rouleau	Costa Rica	Alex. Murray	San Jose
George Grant	Quill Lake	Cuba	F. S. Nunez	Habana
T. W. Sutherland	Shellbrook	Delaware	J.F. Robinson	Wilmington
A. Stewart	Woodrow	D. of Columbia	A. C. Wilkins	Washington
J. McCauley	Moose Jaw	England	J. Obed Smith	London
J. R. Young	Saskatoon	Florida	C. H. Stewart	Melbourne
A. G. Farrell	Regina	France (Nat.)	W. G. Perry	Paris
H. Bateman	Duff	Georgia	H. K. Lamb	Brunswick
J. A. Newman	Regina	Idaho	H.P. Glinderman	C.d'Alene
C. P. Seeley	Saskatoon	Illinois	W. C. Rapp	Chicago
G. Hooker	Woodrow	Indiana	H. B. Tuthill	Mich. City
N. B. Williams	Regina	Iowa	F. S. Moses	Clinton
W. B. Tate	Regina	Ireland	T. W.H. Davies	Waterford
W. M. Martin	Regina	Kansas	J. B. Fleming	Hamilton
T. A. Paterson	Arcola	Kentucky	W. C. Black	Barbourville
T. J. Ford	Saskatoon	Louisiana	C. P. Derveloy	Alexandria
G. W. S. Eisnor	Woodrow	Maine	A. A. Smith	Bangor
W. R. McConnell	Regina	Manitoba	C. N. Bell	Winnipeg
Dr. J. W. Wickware	Regina	Maryland	C. W. Donnelly	Baltimore
R. W. Asselstine	Saskatoon	Massachusetts	James Young	Salem
A. E. Orchard	Borden	Mexico	H. M. Campbell	M. City
Dr. C. P. Moore	Weyburn	Michigan	Ira A. Beck	Battle Creek
C. H. Boyd	Moose Jaw	Minnesota	R. E. VanKirk	St. Paul
G. A. Wyness	Plenty	Mississippi	M. W. Miller	Leland
J. Orville Clarke	Govan	Missouri	W. S. MacAaron	Boonville
W. J. Smith	Shaunavon	Montana	H. C. Smith	Miles City
M. Musk	Prince Albert	Nebraska	O. C. Dovey	Plattsmouth
G. Swain	Saskatoon	Nevada	F.H. Norcross	Carson City
W. E. Dennison	Assiniboia	New Brunswick	F. O. Sullivan	St. Stephen
W. R. Ridington	Battleford	New Hampshire	J. J. Tilton	Effing
G. G. Grant	Regina	New Jersey	F. L. Silver	Philadelphia
W. S. Cooper	Rosetown	N. S. Wales	C. C. Paterson	Sydney
J. Wilkinson	Govan	New York	S. Mandel	New York
F. B. Reilly	Regina	New Zealand	J. D. Webster	Auckland
A. M. Bell	Adanac	North Carolina	H. A. Hewell	Henderson
J. R. Yorke	Regina	North Dakota	P. O. Sathre	Bismarck
N. R. Craig	Moose Jaw	Nova Scotia	J. S. Smiley	Amherst
A. C. Garner	Regina	Ohio	C. E. Norris	Canton
A. Johnstone	Outlook	Oklahoma	B. Herstein	Idabel
J. K. Irwin	Regina	Oregon	Robert Tucker	Portland
R. E. Johnson	Meyronne	Paraiba	J. C. C. Nobrega	J. Pessoa
W. E. Jennings	Limerick	Ph. Islands	Vin. Orosa	Cabanatuan
J. W. MacNeill	N.Battleford	P. E. Island	Wm. McLean	Kensington
H. M. Underhill	Shaunavon	Porto Rico	R. R. Pabon	San Juan
J. A. Mooney	Regina	Quebec	G. S. Burrows	St. Lambert

To Sask.		Jurisdiction		From Sask.
C. L. Riach	Prince Albert	Queensland		F. Holland Brisbane
Loy S. Sifton	Moose Jaw	Rhode Island		J. C. Collins Providence
J. E. Rodney	Kerrobert	Rio de Janeiro		A. C. DaMotta R.dJaneiro
R. Young	Prince Albert	Scotland		John Garrick Edinburgh
E. Mitchell	Sintaluta	S. Australia		M. C. Moore Adelaide
J. C. Carter	Outlook	South Carolina		J. E. Hart York
F. C. Wilson	Regina	South Dakota		C. H. Allen Colman
J. McGregor	Saskatoon	Tennessee		B. T. Dawkins Memphis
A. G. McLean	Raymore	Texas		A. J. Gilchrist Jacksonville
F. A. Dunk Ft.	Qu'Appelle	Utah		N. R. Vote Salt Lake City
J. C. Moore	Regina	Vermont		J. C. Thomas Orwell
C. M. Wilson	Regina	Victoria		R. G. Ball Melbourne
H. Brodie	Moose Jaw	Virginia		J. L. Brown Lynchburg
A. O. Brooks	Abernethy	Washington		J. M. Roberts Tacoma
E. C. Bird	Regina	W. Australia		Ven. Arch. Moore.... Perth
F. B. O'Neil	Langham	W. Virginia		T. G. Strickler. Ellenboro
F. M. Hodson	Rosthern	Wisconsin		John E. Bast Milwaukee

GRAND SECRETARIES

Alabama	Guy T. Smith	Montgomery
Alberta	J. H. W. S. Kemmis	Calgary
Arizona	H. A. Drachman	Tucson
Arkansas	W. A. Thomas	Little Rock
British Columbia	W. A. DeWolf-Smith	New Westminster
California	John Whicher	San Francisco
Canada in Ontario	W. M. Logan	Hamilton
Chile	A. E. Palmar	Casilla No. 2867, Santiago
Colorado	C. A. Patton	Denver
Connecticut	Winthrop Buck	Hartford
Cuba	J. F. Castellanos	La Habana, 72
Delaware	J. F. Robinson	Wilmington
District of Columbia	J. Claude Keiper	Washington
England	P. Colville Smith	London, W.C. 2
Florida	J. S. B. Moyer	Jacksonville
France	G. F. Beaumont	Paris, Rue de Rochechouart
Georgia	F. F. Baker	Macon
Guatemala	Dr. Jose Maria Lima	Guatemala
Idaho	C. F. Pike	Boise
Illinois	Richard C. Davenport	Harrisburg
Indiana	W. H. Swintz	Indianapolis
Iowa	Charles C. Hunt	Cedar Rapids
Ireland	H. C. Shellard	Dublin
Kansas	E. F. Strain	Topeka
Kentucky	Alpheus E. Orton	Louisville
Lessing of Three Rings	Ernst Klatscher	Prague
Louisiana	D. P. Laguens	New Orleans
Maine	C. E. Leach	Portland
Manitoba	J. H. G. Russell	Winnipeg
Maryland	Harry C. Mueller	Baltimore
Massachusetts	F. W. Hamilton	Boston
Mexico (York)	F. T. Berger	Box 1986, Mexico City
Michigan	L. B. Winsor	Grand Rapids
Minnesota	John Fishel	St. Paul
Mississippi	E. L. Faucette	Meridian
Missouri	Arthur Mather	St. Louis
Montana	L. T. Hauberg	Helena

Nebraska	L. E. Smith	Omaha
Nevada	V. M. Henderson	Reno
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	Saint John
New Hampshire	Harry M. Cheney	Concord
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque
New South Wales	David Cunningham	Sydney
New York	Charles H. Johnson	New York
New Zealand	H. A. Lamb	Box 1684, Wellington, C.I.
North Carolina	John H. Anderson	Raleigh
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
Nova Scotia	James C. Jones	Halifax
Ohio	H. S. Johnson	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	C. A. Sturgeon	Guthrie
Oregon	O. Rufus Cheney	Portland
Paraiba	J. C. C. Nobrega	128, Joao Pessoa
Pennsylvania	John A. Perry	Philadelphia
Philippine Islands	T. M. Kalaw	Box 990, Manila, P.I.
Porto Rico	F. G. Peroz Almirotty	Rio Piedras, P.R.
Prince Edward Island	Charles M. Williams	Box 112, Charlottetown
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	Montreal
Queensland	L. P. Marks	Box 675, Brisbane
Rhode Island	H. L. McAuslan	Providence
Rio de Janeiro	D. C. Trindade Rua do	Carmo, Rio de Janeiro
Scotland	T. G. Winning	Edinburgh
South Australia	Chas. R. J. Glover	Adelaide
South Carolina	O. F. Hart	Columbia
South Dakota	Geo. A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls
Tasmania	W. H. Strutt	Hobart
Tennessee	T. E. Doss	Nashville
Texas	W. B. Pearson	Waco
Utah	Sam H. Goodwin	Salt Lake City
Vermont	A. S. Harriman	Burlington
Victoria	W. Stewart	Melbourne
Virginia	James M. Clift	Richmond
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Tacoma
Western Australia	A. E. Jensen	Perth
West Virginia	Geo. S. Laidley	Charleston
Wisconsin	William F. Weiler	Milwaukee
Wyoming	J. M. Lowndes	Casper

LODGE DIRECTORY

Lodges marked with an (*) install on anniversary of St. John the Baptist. All other Lodges install on anniversary of St. John the Evangelist.

For location and date of meeting see District Directory following:

No.	Lodge	Master	Secretary	Dist. No.
1	Kinistino	G. W. Pickering	W. E. Bristowe	1
2	Wascana	E. G. Hingley	H. Willsmer	2
3	Moose Jaw	W. H. Davidson	T. H. Pendlebury	3
4	Qu'Appelle Valley	E. W. Miller	E. B. Saunders	4
5	Indian Head	A. Adair	P. R. Boone	4
6	Qu'Appelle	F. A. Wilson	A. E. Nicholls	4
7	Moosomin	A. Stutt	D. M. Tubman	9
8	Ashlar	H. H. Hunt	R. A. Buchan	9
9	Maple Leaf	L. A. Quick	G. O. Wilson	11
10	Evening Star	J. Laidlaw	A. H. Patterson	9

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11	N.W.M.P.	J. E. Campbell	Robt. A. Tate	2
12	Yorkton	T. W. Colbeck	A. M. Ronald	10
13	Duck Lake	J. D. McArthur	H. F. Anderson	1
14	*Sintaluta	F. L. Hall	E. B. Cumming	4
15	Amity	R. N. Lingard	J. S. Campbell	8
16	Saskatchewan	A. W. Heise	B. R. Masecar	5
17	*Carlyle	H. J. M. White	F. Mills	8
18	Melfort	T. M. Spencer	E. E. Robinson	1
19	Battle	A. Calder	G. L. Ward	7
20	Weyburn	P. K. Brown	Geo. Lythgoe	6
21	*Arcola	V. McNeil	H. M. Connor	8
22	Rosthern	W. A. Tucker	E. St. G. Hodson	1
23	Britannia	A. R. Gordon	R. E. Stevenson	7
24	*Wolseley	A. W. Ingram	T. W. Tiller	4
25	Estevan	A. McCutcheon	W. H. S. Glew	8
26	Swift Current	A. J. Wigmore	Chas. Thoreson	11
27	Alameda	H. H. Galloway	J. P. Gordon	8
28	Hanley	F. J. Lloyd	W. R. Bradley	5
29	*Heward	J. H. Dickey	F. W. Crowell	8
30	*New Hope	J. R. Thurlby	E. G. Young	8
31	Ionic	T. E. Scott	I. A. Lawrence	7
32	Golden Rule	A. E. Boyle	H. W. Haylor	2
33	Davidson	R. P. Stephenson	M. W. Coxworth	5
34	*Lang	W. B. Todd	C. E. Wight	6
35	Prince Rupert	C. H. Harrell	J. Preston	15
36	Bruce	F. P. Trueman	F. W. James	6
37	Wapella	A. Spence	J. C. Tocher	9
38	Ekapo	W. J. Brown	L. Carlson	9
39	Boscurvis	A. W. Barker	A. L. Moir	8
40	Rouleau	E. L. Plank	H. S. Craig	2
41	Drinkwater	R. W. Farrer	W. L. Woodger	2
42	Caron	W. R. Green	W. F. Thomson	3
43	Ishpaming	E. S. Humphreys	W. F. Rhymes	5
44	Landmark	J. T. Richardson	J. H. Moore	7
45	*Aurora	P. R. Pollock	R. W. Mercer	10
46	*Strasbourg	D. Campbell	C. H. Chapin	16
47	*Cupar	C. J. Wingfield	G. C. Klai	4
48	Grayson	J. W. Farnell	F. L. Treece	9
49	Assiniboia	D. Fraser	L. G. Geernaert	2
50	*Golden Fleece	D. C. Litschke	J. A. Kjeldson	6
51	Touchwood	V. T. Olsen	J. F. Rose	16
52	Border	J. L. Coney	W. H. Coney	8
53	Nanatah	G. A. Dodds	T. M. Vaughan	4
54	Buchanan	S. H. Edgar	A. C. Jennings	10
55	Craik	R. A. Robertson	E. H. Insull	2
56	*Elbow View	J. D. McNair	N. Ganes	17
57	Prairie	J. H. Gammon	J. R. MacDonald	13
58	King Solomon	F. C. Denham	H. W. Pearce	10
59	Canora	W. I. Wesson	S. L. Waterman	10
60	Imperial	J. H. Thompson	W. E. Winterton	5
61	Rocanville	C. Chilton	J. A. Thompson	9
62	Melville	T. J. Mathews	Chas. McCloy	10
63	Prince Albert	F. J. Stevens	W. O. L. Davies	1
64	Manitou	N. L. Stroud	H. McCreadie	16
65	Outlook	R. Davies	A. Johnstone	17
66	*Wynyard	E. E. Bolton	H. Gorick	15

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67	*Eyebrow	Chas. Brown	C. H. Birch	3
68	Govan	E. Sorteberg	J. O. Clarke	16
69	Carrot River	C. H. Barrs	R. J. Humphrey	1
70	Cypress	S. R. Robinson	J. P. Whitham	11
71	Doric	C. Hart	W. C. Paterson	3
72	Corinthian	W. B. Ramsay	W. L. Whitmore	2
73	*Unity	W. Dempster	J. P. Fawcett	13
74	*Kilwinning	J. H. Stewart	J. Davidson	13
75	Harmony	A. Debenham	W. A. Porter	13
76	Tisdale	C. W. Hayes	J. F. Wheten	1
77	*Abernethy	D. Roszell	S. W. Ballach	4
78	Tugaske	L. Wilson	T. W. Russell	3
79	*Foam Lake	H. J. B. Pendlebury	S. F. Knobel	15
80	Connaught	S. Jeffrey	W. C. McArton	9
81	Tuscan	R. Landon	J. E. Andress	16
82	*Victoria	T. Lees	B. L. Agate	12
83	Meridian	W. T. Atkins	A. Mitchell	13
84	*Lanigan	J. R. Argue	C. Stackhouse	15
85	*Zealandia	R. J. Marshall	W. J. McIntosh	12
86	Kindersley	C. F. Grigg	L. P. Kincaid	12
87	*Wadena	A. B. Mackenzie	G. F. Gillespie	15
88	Briercrest	K. S. McCrea	E. Kingsbury	3
89	Twin City	R. Horspool	J. T. McOrmond	5
90	KerRobert	H. C. Parker	J. E. Shields	13
91	*Rosetown	H. M. Granville	J. M. Douglas	12
92	Lodge Progress	H. E. Brown	A. Turnbull	5
93	*Morse	G. W. Candler	V. R. Kerr	11
94	*Maryfield	A. J. Tripp	W. E. Holland	9
95	*Evergreen			5
96	Yellow Grass	N. S. Benallick	F. S. Scarrow	6
97	Radisson	C. A. Nutting	A. M. Scott	7
98	Union	H. W. Bown	D. Alcott	16
99	Goose Lake	R. Shannon	A. C. Anderson	5
100	Biggar	B. O. Brown	A. S. Nicholas	13
101	Acacia	W. G. Brooker	A. C. Bowes	16
102	Invermay	J. Gray	A. E. Bergstrom	15
103	Composite	W. J. Topping	W. Marriott	9
104	King Hiram	S. S. Doan	C. L. Smith	2
105	Gothic	H. E. Marshall	F. E. Jaenicke	13
106	St. John's	C. J. Lee	D. McA. Ross	14
107	*Mortlach	F. P. Gardner	Wm. Clark	3
108	Long Lake	W. J. Cole	J. J. Martin	16
109	Limerick	N. Sinclair	H. J. Gordon	14
110	Shaunavon	B. Story	F. G. Horsey	14
111	Aneroid	W. C. Osborne	J. A. Coulter	14
112	*Woodrow	J. C. Cram	E. R. Ridgway	14
113	*Broderick	R. Reid	J. Gifford	17
114	*Central Butte	H. Duffin, Jr.	E. M. Hemsworth	3
115	Landis	A. E. Grenkie	N. R. Sloan	13
116	Ceylon	G. M. P. Erickson	P. W. Westlake	6
117	Dundurn	E. Haggis	F. R. Wilson	5
118	Paragon	R. S. Bourk	Geo. A. Weese	13
119	Cabri	J. Clark	F. J. A. Pool	11
120	Ogema	W. J. Sword	H. Hartley	6
121	*Simpson	E. A. Mayo	S. J. Caught	16
122	Azure	P. H. Armstrong	R. R. Blissett	14

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123	Lancer	F. Leggott	J. W. A. Solley	11
124	Mount Hermon	J. Mitchell	T. D. Moase	11
125	Latomia	F. W. Ring	E. H. Phillips	6
126	Cadillac	R. W. Atkinson	F. L. Christiani	14
127	*Birch Hills	B. R. Lewis	W. R. A. Orton	1
128	*Meyronne	T. G. Williams	W. G. Conlan	14
129	Mossbank	Chas. Clarke	E. L. Howden	3
130	Togo	K. R. McBain	Jas. Gawley	10
131	*Dinston	A. Drysdale	G. W. Mogan	17
132	*Conquest	A. Balkwell	J. E. Wilson	17
133	Philathea	W. A. MacFarlane	H. E. Smith	16
134	Eston	R. O. Hungerford	T. E. Greer	12
135	*Elrose	O. R. Huntley	S. J. Atwell	12
136	St. George	W. E. Weston	T. W. McPhail	3
137	*Tyrian	H. L. Binns	John Smith	7
138	*Kincaid	M. Eggen	Chas. P. Lee	14
139	*Riverhurst	R. R. Stewart	D. B. Annis	17
140	Sceptre	C. Campbell	H. M. Gracie	11
141	Progressive	M. H. Thienes	P. E. Lacey	11
142	*Leader	Robt. Loudon	G. MacDonald	11
143	*Hawarden	W. X. Jones	H. T. Kelly	17
144	Victory	D. G. Lumby	R. W. Lindsay	5
145	Elfros	J. J. Bole	J. D. Collier	15
146	Asquith	R. B. Warren	T. W. J. Mather	5
147	*Elstow	T. C. Holtby	P. J. Warner	5
148	*Dunblane	O. Amerud	A. H. Cook	17
149	Loverna	J. P. Findlay	W. H. Brown	13
150	*Wawota	W. C. Walsh	J. E. D. McCord	9
151	Viscount	T. C. Udell	G. M. Creed	15
152	Star City	S. C. Starkey	T. F. Mitchell	1
154	Banner	J. G. Robertson	W. G. Manchester	2
155	Raymore	J. G. Palmer	F. Gregory	16
156	Avonlea	W. J. Armstrong	W. C. Arthur	3
157	*York			10
158	Borden	J. A. Stahl	A. H. Elliot	7
160	*Cut Knife	H. A. Phillips	J. T. Warden	7
161	Welwyn	J. Marshall	C. Birkbeck	9
162	Saltcoats	H. Porter	J. W. Kennedy	10
163	*Fillmore	H. J. McDiarmid	L. Lockwood	8
164	Milestone	H. Thompson	J. T. Reid	2
165	St. Luke's	J. B. Bell	D. M. McIntosh	13
166	Wakaw	C. C. Roberts	J. H. Flynn	1
167	Preeceville	W. J. Long	G. E. Hickling	10
168	*Earl Grey	R. Shaw	N. S. Milne	4
169	*Quill Lake	J. W. Smith	W. L. Mackenzie	15
170	*Sharon	G. Vanberg	D. S. Fraser	3
171	*Shellbrook	E. J. P. Robinson	W. R. McLaren	1
172	Memorial	J. Agnew	W. B. C. Green	3
173	Lakeview	G. Hanson	G. H. Johnson	5
174	St. Andrews	W. J. Scott	T. Temple	2
175	Radville	O. D. Stitt	McG. Wilkinson	6
176	*Gray	K. C. Gillis	A. E. Staton	2
177	*Verwood	Percy V. Allen	W. S. Nevill	14
178	Norquay	I. Golastein	E. L. Treasure	10
179	Kelvington	G. A. A. Pettersen	R. Thoms	15
180	Herbert	E. Evenson	O. G. McLean	11

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181	Tuberose	A. M. Gillespie	O. D. Jacobs	12
182	*Lonach	J. A. Gordon	Jas. Gordon	7
183	Nipawin	A. E. Hulley	G. D. Eamer	1
184	Osage	W. H. Boyd	J. W. Cooper	6
185	Loyalty	S. Dolden	J. Birse	7
186	*Emulation	H. S. McClung	W. A. Silverthorn	2
187	*Lucky Lake	W. L. Hill	H. C. Grose	17
188	*Glenedyth	H. Loken	A. H. Stevens	14
189	Herschel	J. Ballantine	L. C. Edy	12
190	*Turtleford	C. A. Ayre	W. Lally	7
191	*Macrorie	J. R. Graham	E. N. Conrad	17
192	*Sovereign	J. A. Campbell	L. Douslin	17
193	*Mazenod	R. E. Davis	J. J. Bell	3
194	Vanguard	R. C. Henderson	J. E. Conn	14
195	Pleasantdale	E. Howitt	E. Crossley	1
196	*Lacadena	K. A. McRitchie	W. A. Ivers	12
197	*Chaplin	J. McCaig	G. Pinder	3
198	Colfax	H. M. Fearer	Wm. Innes	6
199	Admiral	G. S. Nunns	M. Corman	14
200	Hudson Bay	C. A. Johnson	F. Warburton	10

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

DISTRICT NO. 1—D.D.G.M., W. R. A. ORTON, BIRCH HILLS

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
1	Kinistino	Prince Albert	1st Friday
13	Duck Lake	Duck Lake	2nd Wednesday
18	Melfort	Melfort	Tuesday on or before
22	Rosthern	Rosthern	3rd Wednesday
63	Prince Albert	Prince Albert	2nd Friday
69	Carrot River	Kinistino	Monday on or before
76	Tisdale	Tisdale	Wednesday on or before
127	Birch Hills	Birch Hills	Wednesday on or after
152	Star City	Star City	Thursday on or before
166	Wakaw	Wakaw	Thursday on or before
171	Shellbrook	Shellbrook	1st Tuesday
183	Nipawin	Nipawin	2nd Thursday
195	Pleasantdale	Pleasantdale	Thursday on or before

DISTRICT NO. 2—D.D.G.M., A. McARTHUR, CORINNE

2	Wascana	Regina	1st Tuesday
11	N.W.M.P.	Regina	3rd Tuesday
32	Golden Rule	Pense	Thursday on or before
40	Rouleau	Rouleau	2nd Tuesday
41	Drinkwater	Drinkwater	Thursday on or before
49	Assiniboia	Regina	3rd Friday
55	Craik	Craik	Wednesday on or before
72	Corinthian	Lumsden	Friday on or before
104	King Hiram	Regina	2nd Tuesday
154	Banner	Regina	3rd Monday
164	Milestone	Milestone	1st Thursday
174	St. Andrews	Regina	1st Monday
176	Gray	Gray	1st Tuesday
186	Emulation	Regina	3rd Wednesday

DISTRICT NO. 3—D.D.G.M., J. U. THOROUGHGOOD, BILDON

3	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw	2nd Tuesday
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No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
42	Caron	Caron	2nd Thursday
67	Eye brow	Eye brow	2nd Tuesday
71	Doric	Moose Jaw	1st Wednesday
78	Tugaske	Tugaske	Monday on or before
88	Briercrest	Briercrest	Wednesday on or after
107	Mortlach	Mortlach	Tuesday on or before
114	Central Butte	Central Butte	3rd Monday
129	Mossbank	Mossbank	Wednesday on or before
136	St. George	Moose Jaw	3rd Friday
156	Avonlea	Avonlea	2nd Thursday
170	Sharon	Bateman	Monday on or before
172	Memorial	Moose Jaw	2nd Thursday
193	Mazenod	Mazenod	Thursday on or after
197	Chaplin	Chaplin	2nd Monday
DISTRICT No. 4—D.D.G.M., REV. A. W. INGRAM, WOLSELEY			
4	Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle	Last Tuesday
5	Indian Head	Indian Head	Thursday on or before
6	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle	Tuesday on or before
14	Sintaluta	Sintaluta	Tuesday on or before
24	Wolseley	Wolseley	Wednesday on or after
47	Cupar	Cupar	Tuesday on or before
53	Nanatah	Balcarres	Monday on or after
77	Abernethy	Abernethy	Friday on or before
168	Earl Grey	Earl Grey	Wednesday on or before
DISTRICT No. 5—D.D.G.M., M. W. COXWORTH, DAVIDSON			
16	Saskatchewan	Saskatoon	1st Tuesday
28	Hanley	Hanley	Thursday on or before
33	Davidson	Davidson	Thursday on or before
43	Ishpaming	Langham	Wednesday on or before
60	Imperial	Saskatoon	2nd Wednesday
89	Twin City	Sutherland	2nd Monday
92	Lodge Progress	Saskatoon	3rd Thursday
95	Evergreen	Harris	Wednesday on or before
99	Goose Lake	Delisle	Monday on or before
117	Dundurn	Dundurn	3rd Wednesday
144	Victory	Saskatoon	2nd Saturday
146	Asquith	Asquith	Friday on or before
147	Elstow	Elstow	Thursday on or before
173	Lakeview	Tessier	1st Wednesday
DISTRICT No. 6—D.D.G.M., J. C. MARTIN, WEYBURN			
20	Weyburn	Weyburn	1st Monday
34	Lang	Lang	1st Monday
36	Bruce	Francis	1st Tuesday
50	Golden Fleece	Halbrite	Monday on or after
96	Yellow Grass	Yellow Grass	Wednesday on or before
116	Ceylon	Ceylon	2nd Wednesday
120	Ogema	Ogema	Monday on or after
125	Latomia	Weyburn	2nd Monday
175	Radville	Radville	2nd Thursday
184	Osage	Osage	Wednesday on or before
198	Colfax	Colfax	2nd Thursday
DISTRICT No. 7—D.D.G.M., A. J. BATER, BALJENNIE			
19	Battle	Battleford	2nd Thursday
23	Britannia	Lloydminster	Wednesday on or after

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
31	Ionic	North Battleford	2nd Wednesday
44	Landmark	Lashburn	Thursday on or before
97	Radisson	Radisson	Tuesday on or after
137	Tyrian	Edam	Tuesday on or before
158	Borden	Borden	Monday on or before
160	Cut Knife	Cut Knife	Thursday on or after
182	Lonach	Marsden	Monday on or before
185	Loyalty	Ruddell	Thursday on or before
190	Turtleford	Turtleford	Thursday on or after
DISTRICT No. 8—D.D.G.M., H. M. CONNOR, ARCOLA			
15	Amity	Carnduff	2nd Thursday
17	Carlyle	Carlyle	3rd Monday
21	Arcola	Arcola	2nd Thursday
25	Estevan	Estevan	3rd Friday
27	Alameda	Alameda	Tuesday on or before
29	Heward	Heward	Tuesday on or before
30	New Hope	Stoughton	2nd Thursday
39	Boscurvis	Oxbow	3rd Monday
52	Border	Gainsborough	Tuesday on or before
163	Fillmore	Fillmore	2nd Thursday
DISTRICT No. 9—D.D.G.M., C. S. HEWITT, FAIRLIGHT			
7	Moosomin	Moosomin	Wednesday on or before
8	Ashlar	Whitewood	Tuesday on or before
10	Evening Star	Grenfell	Tuesday on or after
37	Wapella	Wapella	Thursday on or before
38	Ekapo	Broadview	2nd Wednesday
48	Grayson	Dubuc	Wednesday on or before
61	Rocanville	Rocanville	Monday on or before
80	Connaught	Windthorst	Tuesday on or before
94	Maryfield	Maryfield	Tuesday on or before
103	Composite	Kennedy	Thursday on or before
150	Wawota	Wawota	Wednesday on or before
161	Welwyn	Welwyn	Tuesday on or after
DISTRICT No. 10—D.D.G.M., A. G. BUCK, PREECEVILLE			
12	Yorkton	Yorkton	1st Friday
45	Aurora	Theodore	Wednesday on or before
54	Buchanan	Buchanan	1st Tuesday
58	King Solomon	Kamsack	2nd Wednesday
59	Canora	Canora	1st Friday
62	Melville	Melville	4th Thursday
130	Togo	Togo	1st Wednesday
157	York	Churchbridge	Tuesday on or before
162	Saltcoats	Saltcoats	Wednesday on or before
167	Preeceville	Preeceville	3rd Wednesday
178	Norquay	Norquay	Thursday on or before
200	Hudson Bay	Hudson Bay Junction	1st Tuesday
DISTRICT No. 11—D.D.G.M., A. E. MISCAMPBELL, PENNANT			
9	Maple Leaf	Maple Creek	Thursday on or before
26	Swift Current	Swift Current	1st Tuesday
70	Cypress	Gull Lake	3rd Monday
93	Morse	Morse	1st Monday
119	Cabri	Cabri	1st Monday
123	Lancer	Lancer	Tuesday on or before
124	Mount Hermon	Pennant	Thursday on or before

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
140	Sceptre	Sceptre	1st Wednesday
141	Progressive	Tompkins	Wednesday on or before
142	Leader	Leader	Monday on or before
180	Herbert	Herbert	3rd Tuesday
DISTRICT No. 12—D.D.G.M., R. E. BISHOP, EYRIE			
82	Victoria	Alsask	1st Tuesday
85	Zealandia	Zealandia	2nd Monday
86	Kindersley	Kindersley	1st Thursday
91	Rosetown	Rosetown	2nd Wednesday
134	Eston	Eston	4th Tuesday
135	Elrose	Elrose	Monday on or before
181	Tuberoose	Tuberoose	Thursday on or after
189	Herschel	Herschel	Monday on or before
196	Lacadena	Lacadena	2nd Tuesday
DISTRICT No. 13—D.D.G.M., J. M. SCOTT, UNITY			
57	Prairie	Wilkie	3rd Tuesday
73	Unity	Unity	2nd Wednesday
74	Kilwinning	Adanac	Thursday on or before
75	Harmony	Perdue	Thursday on or before
83	Meridian	Macklin	Wednesday on or before
90	Kerrobert	Kerrobert	Monday on or before
100	Biggar	Biggar	2nd Tuesday
105	Gothic	Luseland	Monday on or after
115	Landis	Landis	Wednesday on or before
118	Paragon	Kelfield	1st Tuesday
149	Loverna	Loverna	1st Monday
165	St. Luke's	Plenty	Tuesday on or before
DISTRICT No. 14—D.D.G.M., W. G. BOCK, EASTEND			
106	St. John's	Assiniboia	1st Thursday
109	Limerick	Limerick	Tuesday on or before
110	Shaunavon	Shaunavon	2nd Wednesday
111	Aneroid	Aneroid	2nd Thursday
112	Woodrow	Woodrow	1st Monday
122	Azure	Eastend	Thursday on or before
126	Cadillac	Cadillac	3rd Wednesday
128	Meyronne	Meyronne	2nd Tuesday
138	Kincaid	Kincaid	1st Thursday
177	Verwood	Verwood	2nd Wednesday
188	Glenedyth	Climax	2nd Tuesday
194	Vanguard	Vanguard	3rd Monday
199	Admiral	Admiral	1st Wednesday
DISTRICT No. 15—D.D.G.M., C. STACKHOUSE, GUERNSEY			
35	Prince Rupert	Humboldt	2nd Friday
66	Wynyard	Wynyard	2nd Tuesday
79	Foam Lake	Foam Lake	1st Wednesday
84	Lanigan	Lanigan	2nd Thursday
87	Wadena	Wadena	Monday on or before
102	Invermay	Invermay	Tuesday on or before
145	Elfros	Elfros	Wednesday on or before
151	Viscount	Viscount	1st Tuesday
169	Quill Lake	Quill Lake	Wednesday on or before
179	Kelvington	Kelvington	Thursday on or before
DISTRICT No. 16—D.D.G.M., E. F. RICHARDSON, SEMANS			
46	Strasbourg	Strasbourg	Monday on or before
51	Touchwood	Punnichy	2nd Tuesday

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
64	Manitou	Watrous	1st Thursday
68	Govan	Govan	1st Tuesday
81	Tuscan	Semans	Wednesday on or after
98	Union	Kelliher	Wednesday on or before
101	Acacia	Imperial	1st Thursday
108	Long Lake	Liberty	Thursday on or before
121	Simpson	Simpson	Wednesday on or before
133	Philathea	Nokomis	1st Thursday
155	Raymore	Raymore	2nd Monday
DISTRICT No. 17—D.D.G.M., J. SINCLAIR, DUNBLANE			
56	Elbow View	Elbow	Tuesday on or before
65	Outlook	Outlook	2nd Thursday
113	Broderick	Glenside	1st Thursday
131	Dinston	Dinsmore	1st Wednesday
132	Conquest	Conquest	Thursday on or before
139	Riverhurst	Riverhurst	3rd Wednesday
143	Hawarden	Hawarden	Wednesday on or before
148	Dunblane	Dunblane	2nd Tuesday
187	Lucky Lake	Lucky Lake	3rd Thursday
191	Macrorie	Macrorie	Monday on or before
192	Sovereign	Sovereign	1st Tuesday

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT MEETINGS FOR 1935

Dist. No.	Place of Meeting	Date
7	North Battleford	Monday, July 29th.
13	Unity	Tuesday, July 30th.
12	Eston	Wednesday, July 31st.
11	Pennant	Thursday, August 1st.
14	Shaunavon	Friday, August 2nd.
10	Canora	Monday, August 5th.
15	Humboldt	Tuesday, August 6th.
16	Govan	Wednesday, August 7th.
6	Weyburn	Thursday, August 8th.
8	Arcola	Friday, August 9th.
9	Whitewood	Tuesday, August 13th.
4	Fort Qu'Appelle	Wednesday, August 14th.
17	Hawarden	Thursday, August 15th.
2	Regina	Monday, September 30th.
1	Tisdale	Wednesday, October 2nd.
5	Saskatoon	Thursday, October 3rd.
3	Moose Jaw	Friday, October 4th.

The program for the meetings was as follows:

FIRST SESSION—beginning at 2.30 p.m.

1. Opening: Reception of G.L. Officers. Reading Minutes.
2. Reading Report of D.D.G.M. for 1934-35.
3. Discussion on how to promote (a) Lodge Attendance, (b) Masonic Study, (c) Inter Lodge Visitation.
4. Consideration of (a) Advantages to be gained, in some cases, by amalgamation and method of procedure, (b) Importance of preserving valuable Historical Records.
5. Exemplification of new opening and closing ceremonies, method of balloting and parts of the three Degrees.
6. Question Box—Questions relating to symbolism, the Constitution, etc., placed in the box will be answered at the evening session.

7. Board of Installed Masters.
SECOND SESSION—beginning promptly at 7.30.
8. Selection of D.D.G.M.
9. Answers to questions.
10. Short paper, 15 minutes on "Application of Masonic Ethics."
11. Addresses: (a) Appointed Grand Lodge Officer, (b) Grand Master.
12. Closing.

HONOURARY MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Past Grand Master—

F. C. Falkenstein, Bottineau, N.D.	1927
G. Hunter, Deloraine, Man.	1930
W. Douglas, Winnipeg, Man.	1930
W. H. Wardrope, Hamilton, Ont.	1930
R. Burritt, Winnipeg, Man.	1935
M. M. Downey, Edmonton, Alta.	1935
A. J. Anderson, Toronto, Ont.	1936
H. Woods, Winnipeg, Man.	1936
G. W. Craven, Butte, Montana	1936

Past Grand Senior Warden—

J. Obed Smith, Richmond, Surrey	1928
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Past Grand Junior Warden—

W. R. Trench, Kelowna, B.C.	1927
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BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

MEMBERS BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M.W. Bros. H. H. Campkin (49), C. O. Davidson (2), W. B. Tate (6), A. S. Gorrell (11), L. T. McDonald (2), J. McCauley (3), R. Young (1), N. B. Williams (77), G. M. Weir (60), J. W. MacNeill (19), G. Swain (60), W. J. Smith (110), W. M. Martin (2), J. K. Irwin (106), J. Orville Clarke (68), C. P. Moore (20), J. McGregor (60), F. B. Reilly (2), N. R. Craig (71), T. W. Sutherland (171), J. R. Yorke (136), J. W. Estey (16); R.W. Bros. M. Musk (63), S. C. Burton (186), H. M. Underhill (110), J. C. Moore (2), A. O. Brooks (77).

ELECTED MEMBERS

Term expiring 1937—R.W. Bros. O. S. Black (125), A. M. Bell (74), W. McCauley (3); W. Bros. S. J. A. Branion (63), A. G. Farrell (186).

Term expiring 1938—R.W. Bros. C. P. Seeley (60), Loy S. Sifton (172), F. C. Wilson (163); V.W. Bro. E. C. Bird (174); W. Bro. D. Fraser (49).

OFFICERS

R.W. Bro. M. Musk	President
R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton	Vice-President
V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate	Secretary

STANDING COMMITTEES

Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence—M.W. Bro. J. W. MacNeill, Chairman; M.W. Bros. C. P. Moore, Robt. Young, N. R. Craig, J. K. Irwin, W. J. Smith, J. R. Yorke.

Grievances and Appeals—R.W. Bro. O. S. Black, Chairman; R.W. Bros. Loy S. Sifton, F. C. Wilson; W. Bros. A. G. Farrell, D. Fraser.

Condition of Masonry—M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, Chairman; M.W. Bros. J. O. Clarke, J. McGregor, J. K. Irwin; R.W. Bros. C. P. Seeley, S. C. Burton.

Foreign Correspondence and Relations—M.W. Bro. W. M. Martin, Chairman; M.W. Bros. F. B. Reilly, J. W. MacNeill; R.W. Bro. C. P. Seeley; V.W. Bro. E. C. Bird; W. Bro. S. J. A. Branion.

Finance—R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton, Chairman; M.W. Bro. J. K. Irwin; R.W. Bros. A. M. Bell, A. O. Brooks, F. C. Wilson.

Masonic Relief and Charity—M.W. Bro. R. Young, Chairman; M.W. Bros. J. McCauley, W. M. Martin, J. McGregor, N. B. Williams.

Charters—R.W. Bro. Loy S. Sifton, Chairman; M.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke; R.W. Bros. A. O. Brooks, O. S. Black, H. M. Underhill; W. Bro. A. G. Farrell.

Necrology—M.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly, Chairman; M.W. Bro. W. J. Smith; R.W. Bros. A. M. Bell, J. C. Moore, W. McCauley, H. M. Underhill.

Library—R.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson, Chairman; M.W. Bros. W. B. Tate, J. O. Clarke; R.W. Bro. W. McCauley; W. Bro. S. J. A. Branion.

Printing and Supplies—W. Bro. D. Fraser, Chairman; M.W. Bros. A. S. Gorrell, J. McCauley; R.W. Bro. J. C. Moore; V.W. Bro. E. C. Bird.

Custodians of The Work—M.W. Bro. A. S. Gorrell, Chairman; M.W. Bros. W. M. Martin, J. McCauley, W. B. Tate, R. Young, C. P. Moore, N. B. Williams.

Masonic History—M.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin, Chairman; M.W. Bros. J. O. Clarke, W. B. Tate; R.W. Bro. J. C. Moore.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

The M.W. the Grand Master appointed the following Committee: W. Bro. D. Fraser, Chairman, Regina; M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Secretary, Regina; R.W. Bro. H. M. Underhill, Shaunavon; V.W. Bro. W. L. Clink, Battleford; W. Bro. P. H. Gordon, Regina; Bro. J. H. Erwin, Saskatoon; Bro. H. C. M. Brown, Regina.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

Term expiring 1937—M.W. Bros. W. M. Martin, N. B. Williams.

Term expiring 1938—M.W. Bros. J. O. Clarke, R. Young.

Term expiring 1939—M.W. Bros. J. McCauley, J. McGregor.

APPROVED RULINGS

1. Masonic Regalia cannot be worn at Balls or At Homes where admission is charged and the public admitted. Pro. 1907.
2. In balloting the ballot box shall be placed on the Altar with an equal number of black and white balls, and either each member in order of rank proceeding to the Altar and casting his ballot, or members, beginning on the left of the W.M. doing so in rotation. Pro. 1911, 1932.
3. When addressing the W.M. the term to be used is W.M. Pro. 1911.
4. When a known Brother approaches the tyled door of a Lodge and desires to enter, the knocks of the Degree in which the Lodge at the time may be working are to be given by the Tyler. In the event of a Cowan approaching a succession of knocks is to be given. Pro. 1911 and 1915.
5. The lecture and charge are integral parts of each Degree and must be given before a candidate is advanced. Pro. 1911.
6. The position of a candidate while being examined must be W. of the Altar facing E. Pro. 1911.
7. The charge may be given by any well skilled Brother. If below

- the rank of an I.M. he shall stand in front of the dais in the E. facing the candidate who shall be W. of the Altar. Pro. 1911.
8. No Brother shall vouch for a visitor unless he has sat with him in open Lodge. Pro. 1911.
 9. The Tyler's oath is to be given after the examination by the B. of T. and the production of documentary evidence which must be demanded in every case. The absence of documentary evidence shall not necessarily exclude a visitor. Pro. 1911 and 1915.
 10. The W.M. must command the S.W. to collect the P.G. and P.W. of the Degree, but the S.W., if satisfied, may vouch for all present, whereupon the collection may be dispensed with by the W.M. Pro. 1911.
 11. When collecting the P.G. and P.W. of a Degree, in the event of a Brother not being in possession of same, the D. shall report to the S.W. saying: "Brother S.W. the W. is lost," who shall report to the W.M.; whereupon, if satisfied as to the Brother, the W.M. may call him to the E. and communicate the lost W. Pro. 1911.
 12. No charts shall be displayed in the Lodge Room other than that of the Degree being conferred. Pro. 1911.
 13. The lesser lights shall be used in all Degrees, except when otherwise called for in the work. Pro. 1911.
 14. In calling the Lodge from L. to R. or vice versa, the J.W. must see that all Brethren rise to receive the Command of the W.M., even to the extent of calling up the Lodge. Pro. 1911.
 15. The M. may exercise his discretion as to whether the ballot box shall be placed upon the Altar for examination by the Brethren after a ballot has been taken. Pro. 1912.
 16. A candidate who cannot answer the first three questions in Masonry satisfactorily cannot be made a Mason. Pro. 1912.
 17. An affiliated P.M. from another Jurisdiction is eligible for election to the Master's chair. Pro. 1914.
 18. A Brother who has not been invested as Warden ranks as a M.M., and is not eligible for election to the Master's chair. Pro. 1914.
 19. An affiliated Brother, on producing documentary evidence that he has served a full Masonic year as Warden in another Jurisdiction, is eligible for election to the Master's chair. Pro. 1915.
 20. A Certificate of Standing is a Certificate issued to a Brother for the purpose of joining a designated Lodge, and must not be confounded with a receipt for dues. Pro. 1915.
 21. The passing of the collection plate around the Lodge when the candidate is in the N.E. angle is not permissible. Pro. 1916.
 22. A Committee of P.M.'s to meet with applicants before they are given application forms is permissible. Pro. 1916.
 23. It is unconstitutional to receive petitions or reports of committees on applicants at Emergent meetings. Pro. 1916.
 24. It is unconstitutional to initiate a candidate at an Emergent meeting on the same date as the regular meeting at which the candidate was balloted on. Pro. 1916.
 25. It is not permissible for a Brother from a Grand Lodge not recognized by this Grand Lodge to either visit or affiliate with a Lodge in this Jurisdiction. Pro. 1917.
 26. The Second Degree Working Tools shall be presented in full form as contained in the Installation Ceremony. Pro. 1918.
 27. It is the duty of a subordinate Lodge to try a Brother and only in very exceptional cases can a Commission be appointed by the Grand Master. Pro. 1918.
 28. If an applicant can comply with the requirements of the Cere-

- monials, even by the aid of artificial limbs, and is in a physical condition to earn a living, and not likely to become a charge upon the Fraternity, and if his moral character is all that a Mason's should be, his petition can be entertained on obtaining a Special Dispensation from G.L. Pro. 1918.
29. The home of a soldier prior to his enlistment is the only home recognized during the time he is in uniform without regard to the various places he may be stationed in while on Military Service. Pro. 1919.
 30. A candidate for initiation must have resided the six months immediately previous to the date of his Petition within the Jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission. Pro. 1919.
 31. A Lodge can hold a Masonic Funeral Service for a deceased Brother when another society attends the same service in regalia, but the service must, in all respects, be conducted exclusively by the Lodge as if none but Masons were in attendance. A Masonic Lodge should not take part in Funeral Services when conducted by any other organization. Whenever civic societies, the Military or other organizations may constitute a part of the Funeral Procession or otherwise unite with the assembly, the body of the deceased must be in charge of the Lodge officiating. Pro. 1920.
 32. An increase or reduction in the fees of a Lodge by virtue of an amendment to its By-laws, shall become effective from the date such amendment is passed, subject to the approval of the Grand Master; any increase or reduction in the annual dues of a Lodge by virtue of an amendment to its By-laws shall become effective from June 24th or December 27th next following the date upon which such amendment is passed, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. Pro. 1920.
 33. Candidates in the First Degree must be prepared and received individually and a candidate must not be received from a preparation room in which other candidates are waiting, but after they have been presented by the Senior Warden and have answered singly the questions addressed to them by the Worshipful Master, they may, at the discretion of the Worshipful Master, thereafter be taken collectively. Candidates in the Third Degree may be taken collectively to the end of the obligation, but if taken collectively, they must then retire to the preparation room to be readmitted and raised singly, after which they may again be taken collectively. Pro. 1920.
 34. A Brother who has affiliated with a Lodge in this Jurisdiction on a Certificate of Standing from a Lodge in another Jurisdiction shall not be given a demit on resigning therefrom, but his resignation shall be accepted under the conditions governing the granting of a demit, and such resignation shall be recorded in the minute book and historical register. Pro. 1920.
 35. In the case of a candidate who is a conscientious objector to our form of obligation, as being contrary to his religious belief, the Committee on Jurisprudence could not concur in a ruling permitting a departure from the Ancient Usage extant in the form of obligation as it has come down to us through the Masonic centuries. Pro. 1920, page 105.
 36. A Lodge holding an At Home of a purely Masonic nature, and to which the public are not invited, is justified in making application for a dispensation to wear regalia, although it levies a charge on the members attending same. Pro. 1921.
 37. The Constitution does not provide for nominations either oral

- or written for Officers in Constituent Lodges; all elections except when otherwise provided for in the Constitution shall be by written ballot without nomination. Pro. 1923.
38. A man having received only part of his obligation and not having been brought to light is not a Mason. Pro. 1924.
 39. The residence of a person employed and residing in unorganized territory is only temporary and his application may be received by the Lodge nearest his permanent home address. Pro. 1924.
 40. The furnishings, etc., of a Lodge room cannot be used to the exclusion of a Chart to illustrate a Warden's lecture. The Tracing Board of the Degree must be used. Pro. 1924.
 41. Where the Constitution and the By-laws of a Lodge conflict the Constitution governs and overrules the By-laws. Pro. 1926.
 42. A Brother elected and installed as Warden, even though he has not put in attendance during the term, is eligible for election to the Master's chair if the members of the Lodge made no protest to his holding the office of Warden and he did not resign. Pro. 1926.
 43. Matters relating to a Chapter of the Eastern Star are not Masonic business and must not be brought before a Lodge as such. Pro. 1926.
 44. All Lodge notices must be mailed in sealed envelopes. Pro. 1926.
 45. Lodges have not the power to fix sectional boundaries by agreement but must be governed as to distance between Lodges by a direct line. Pro. 1926.
 46. A Master cannot close his Lodge in any Degree in short form. He may suspend labour in one Degree and resume in another lower Degree for the purpose of doing work, but he must resume labour in the original Degree and close in full form. Pro. 1927.
 47. An application cannot be considered from an applicant who is deaf. Pro. 1927.
 48. No motion to rescind a resolution entered upon the minutes and regularly passed at a previous regular meeting shall be received or put through a Lodge until a notice of intention to introduce such notice to rescind shall have been made at a previous meeting. This, however, does not prevent a Lodge reconsidering, at the same meeting, a motion which they have passed without due consideration, provided that the mover and seconder of the motion to reconsider voted with the majority in the first instance. Pro. 1927.
 49. A petition from a member of a clandestine Lodge cannot be entertained. Pro. 1927.
 50. The names of applicants for initiation and affiliation, notwithstanding that they appear on the monthly joint notice sent out by all the Lodges of a city to their membership, must appear on the individual Lodge notice. Pro. 1927.
 51. As Section 211, sub-sec. 14, states that the regular meeting of a Lodge is the one only meeting in each month at which business can be done, and Section 117 states that the day and hour of the regular meeting shall be specified in the Lodge By-laws, the Anniversaries of the Saints John cannot be considered as regular meetings of any Lodge. They are Festive Meetings and must always be so regarded. Pro. 1927.
 52. The Lodge seal must be affixed to all letters emanating from the Secretary's office. Pro. 1927.
 53. Lodge funds should be used for Masonic purposes, and while there may be an occasional application for assistance, such as a

- national calamity, which should not be passed over, Lodges in this Jurisdiction should make use of their funds for purely Masonic purposes. This ruling means exactly what it says and is as it is to protect Lodges against requests from other organizations. Masonic charity can be well exercised through Masonic channels. Pro. 1927 and 1928.
54. Where the By-laws of a Lodge provide for payment of dues in advance, dues for the current year are payable at the beginning of the year, and at the end of such year, the dues having remained unpaid for twelve months, a Brother is liable to suspension by proper procedure for that purpose. Pro. 1927.
 55. A member of a Character Committee being in possession of information which he would not be justified in disclosing to anyone, not even to other members of the Committee, might refuse to sign a favourable report on his honour as a member of the Committee and as a Mason and this should be considered sufficient. Pro. 1928.
 56. Premises which have been dedicated to Masonry should not be used for any other purpose. If the premises have not been so dedicated, the Lodge may, in a proper case, rent to some other organization. The best interests of the Craft should, however, be carefully considered and no action should be taken which might lead to the conclusion that the Masonic Order is entangled with any other society or organization. Pro. 1928.
 57. Should the name of an applicant for initiation not appear on the notice for the meeting at which he was balloted on the proceedings in the case would be null and void and it would be necessary for the applicant's name to appear on the notice calling the next regular meeting and for the Lodge to again ballot on the application. Pro. 1928.
 58. A Lodge is not warranted in demanding payment of other sums than dues as a condition for the granting of a demit. Pro. 1928.
 59. No residence qualifications are required by the Constitution for applications for affiliation. The statement on the application form "I removed to the Province of Saskatchewan in " is contained in the form to protect us in Saskatchewan from men being initiated in other Jurisdictions who have acquired residence qualifications in this Province. Pro. 1928.
 60. If a Master who occupied the chair for any period during the year resigns and another Master is elected for the balance of the year, neither the Master who vacates nor the one who is chosen to take his place can comply with the requirements of Section 211, sub-sec. 3, and are not entitled to Past Master's rank. Pro. 1928.
 61. An amendment to the By-laws of a Lodge adding to the clause governing regular meetings, excepting certain months of the year, is contrary to the spirit of their Charter, nor can any Lodge discontinue meetings by resolution of the Lodge but the W.M. of a Lodge is within his rights to declare that no meeting shall be held in any month if for good reasons he considers it inadvisable. Pro. 1929 and 1933.
 62. The name of the Lodge or of Freemasonry must not be associated officially in any way with an insurance club. If the members want to form such a club they must do it as individuals and not as a Lodge. Pro. 1929.
 63. The Corner Stone of a Masonic Temple must be placed in the North East corner of the building; the facing of the building

- makes no difference with regard to the position of the stone. Pro. 1929.
64. If a Brother suspended for non-payment of dues applies for reinstatement, sending the amount of his arrears along with his application, and the application for reinstatement is rejected, the Lodge must return the amount sent by him. Pro. 1929.
65. It is the primary duty of the Tyler to tyle the Lodge when it is in session, and at no time is he entitled to enter the Lodge except at the request of the W.M. in conformity with Sec. 157 of the Constitution. Pro. 1930.
66. A Second or Third Degree may be conferred at any time during the twenty-eighth day after the conferring of the previous degree, provided the necessary qualifications as to proficiency have been complied with. Pro. 1930.
67. In the absence of a qualifying explanation in the Constitution as to method, "vote" means a show of hands. Pro. 1930.
68. All who enter the Lodge must give the P.G. and P.W. of the degree, excepting the Grand Master or the D.D.G.M. on his official visit. Pro. 1930.
69. When reporting the result of a ballot any wording other than "favourable" or "unfavourable" must not be used. Pro. 1932.
70. The pall-bearers at a Masonic funeral should be Masons and unless the family have expressed a wish to have a non-Mason act as pall-bearer the W.M., after consulting with them, should select from members of the Craft. Pro. 1932.
71. It is unconstitutional to initiate a candidate for other than the full amount of the fee as provided by the By-laws of the Lodge. Pro. 1932.
72. Buildings should not be dedicated to Masonic purposes until such time as the premises are free from encumbrances. Pro. 1932.
73. No motion for which Notice of Motion is required shall be amended or altered upon the return date of the Notice of Motion, and must be dealt with in its original form as set out in the Notice of Motion unless the Lodge shall see fit to defer consideration of the matter until notice of a proposed amendment shall be given in the same manner as the original Notice of Motion was given. Pro. 1934.
74. No Constituent Lodge shall confer any Degree in other than the work permitted under the Charter of the Lodge. Pro. 1936.

MASONIC EDUCATION

The Committee on Masonic Education issued the following course of study and monthly outlines for the year 1935-36.

Brethren:

The program for the year's work is enclosed herewith. We trust it will make a sufficiently strong appeal so that you will resolve to have your Lodge follow the work consistently through the year. We are using the latter third of Claudy's splendid book, "Introduction to Freemasonry" as a uniform text and are completing the three-year program of study of the three degrees under the guidance of that well skilled Brother. When we commenced the study of this text I prophesied that those who faithfully followed through the course and mastered the book would be, at the completion of the course, well on the way to being "educated Masons." Many have and are.

A Lodge, like an individual, does not remain static—it either

progresses or retrogresses. The Grand Lodge report on Condition of Masonry this year clearly demonstrated that the index of a Lodge's progress is its attitude toward Masonic Education. Where does your Lodge stand?

The real purpose of this letter is to call upon all Worshipful Masters to at once appoint the Chairman of their Educational Committee and promptly to send his name in to the Grand Lodge Office, in order that all material may go to him directly. We suggest that in every case the Senior Warden is the logical man for this chairmanship and earnestly recommend his being charged with this duty.

Yours fraternally,

DOUGLAS FRASER, Chairman.

PROGRAM, 1935-36

Intensive study of the Third Degree. Text—Claudy, "Introduction to Freemasonry," pages 125-175.

October, 1935—(1) The power of the Ballot. (2) Vouching. (3) Board of trial.

November, 1935—(1) The rite of disalcation. (2) The lessons of the compasses.

December, 1935—(1) The approach to the Altar. (2) Symbolism of 7.

January, 1936—(1) Burns: Poet and Mason.

February, 1936—(1) Symbolism of the three assassins. (2) Lessons in reorganization.

March, 1936—(1) The symbolism of the death blows. (2) The character of a M. M.

April, 1936—(1) A Master's wages. (2) The Sanctum Sanctorum.

May, 1936—(1) "The Sublime Degree presents us with eternity in the midst of Life."—Discuss. (2) The Sprig of Acacia.

June, 1936—(1) The Landmarks. (2) The Ancient Charges.

September, 1936—(1) Present day progress of Masonry throughout the world. (2) "Whither are we directing our steps?"

MASONRY, AN ORGANIZATION WITH SECRETS

By Bro. Douglas Fraser.

The matters dealt with in this outline are somewhat accessory to the regular work of the committee. They have to do essentially with the inviolability of our secrets and affect vitally the governance and harmony of the Lodge. Being matters exclusively within the competence of M.M.'s as such, they should logically be discussed at this stage in our course of study. Each has its Masonic lesson and to each the fundamental principles of our Order may be profitably applied.

1. THE POWER OF THE BALLOT: The M.M. and none other may exercise this privilege. He has the undoubted *right* to cast a black ball. It is his *duty* to exclude the applicant if he knows he would not make a good Mason or if he is one with whom *any* M.M. cannot associate in peace and harmony in Lodge. The Brother who casts a ballot wields a tremendous power. The ballot is secret in the fullest sense in which the word "secrecy" is used in Masonry. (See Sec. 160, Constitution). Rejection results in depriving the applicant of the priceless benefits of Masonry and its teachings. It creates a Lodge jurisdiction over the applicant in that he cannot again apply to any Lodge

until expiry of the statutory period and in every subsequent application the former rejection must be disclosed. The black ball is, however, the great protection of the Fraternity. It is its sword and shield—never a dagger. The power to reject is not subject to review or control of any human agency. The act is inexorable. There is, therefore, no Masonic function which should be more soberly exercised than that of balloting. One should:

- i. be tolerant and broad minded.
- ii. be uncompromising where evil appears.
- iii. be cautious and intelligent in the light of Masonic teaching.
- iv. analyze one's own motives permitting nothing small or petty to influence the decision.
- v. be just to the Lodge, oneself, the applicant and to Justice itself.

"A well used black ball goes into the ballot box: ill used it drops into the heart and blackens it." It is the test of the Masonic heart and personal honesty—a thorough test of a Mason's understanding of the cardinal virtue—justice.

2. **VOUCHING:** Means to testify or bear witness that "*I know Bro. A. is a M.M.*" It implies all the solemnity of a vow and must be grounded on direct knowledge acquired through:

- i. Sitting in open Lodge with the Brother, or
- ii. finding him duly qualified after due examination.

Such examination may be undertaken *only* on the order of the W.M. or the G.M. The W.M. is solely responsible for the proper purging of his Lodge and is therefore alone competent to decide who shall examine a visitor.

Today it is not against cowans that one must guard so carefully as against *M. M.'s dropped N.P.D.* or suspended or expelled after trial or E. A.'s or F.C.'s stopped for cause. One should exercise the greatest care of one's membership card—destroy the old immediately the new is received; sign the new promptly; and if lost report at once to the G.S. and the W.M.

A M.M. should not vouch for his blood brother even if morally sure he is a Mason unless he has lawful Masonic information. One should never feel offended because a Brother will not vouch; rather one should be happy that he is so careful a Mason.

A proper appreciation of the responsibility which vouching entails brings forcibly home something of what "secrecy", as defined in the E.A. charge and declared in the 23rd Landmark (Mackey), involves and of why the O.G. or tiler is so placed.

"Never vouch unless you have lawful Masonic knowledge."

3. **BOARD OF TRIAL:** The conditions for admission of a visitor into a Lodge are clearly defined by the Constitution. The primary requirement is proof of immediate good standing and involves the production and verification of the requisite documentary evidence. This phase was so thoroughly covered by our G. Sec. at the District Meetings a few years ago that it must still be fresh in mind. The second requirement is the passing of an examination satisfactory to two or more well skilled Brethren. Having recently obtained a suggested code of rules for guidance of Boards of Trial we append it hereto. It is the work of R.W. Bro. Geo. Tait of Toronto and bears the stamp of approval of many leaders in Masonry in Ontario and elsewhere.

1. You have to deal with either a Mason or an imposter.
2. Be cautious, courteous and firm.
3. Do not approach the visitor as a suspect.

4. You are not expected to do detective or prosecuting attorney's work.
5. Put on no air of superior knowledge.
6. Play no tricks by pretending answers are not correct when they are.
7. Do not indulge in catch questions: they are the slang of Masonry.
8. Give no hints: correct no mistakes.
9. Do not be unnecessarily strict: ideas are better than words.
10. Accept all you get without comment.
11. If you reject, do not indicate why.
12. Judge by general results.
13. A very desirable visitor may answer poorly.
14. Answers correctly given may be a cause for suspicion and rejection.
15. Do not imagine your catechism of questions to be the only correct form, and all departures from it errors.
16. There is no set way of conducting a Board of Trial.
17. It is your business to get, and the visitor's to give, information.
18. The customary questions should be used only as aids. If possible be satisfied as to your visitor without them.

Questions for Discussion: What is one's duty in (a) balloting, (b) vouching and (c) examining if you entertain doubts? What is the proper position to assume and sign to give when balloting? If after a second unfavourable ballot a Brother states he cast a black ball in error, what should be done? Is it sometimes "good" for a man to be black balled?

Subject for Debate: Resolved that the rule of no discussion of the ballot should be modified.

"ANCIENT SYMBOLS"—By R.W. Bro. H. M. Underhill.

1. THE RITE OF DISCALCEATION. The peculiarity of this part of his preparation and the progressive changes therein in the various Degrees must mystify the candidate. The ritual makes but one reference to its symbolic meaning—the rest is left for the student to discover.

It is a rite, that is a formal procedure or act observed in a religious or other solemn observance. As such rite we can trace its practice by the Jews and oriental nations to earliest times and indeed its origin is shrouded in the dim mists of antiquity. Probably, however, Masonry adopted the rite, with so much else of her symbolism, from the Pythagoreans who invariably put off their shoes when entering their Temples.

Generally the rite, as the word discalceation implies, meant literally "putting off the shoes"—that is being unshod or barefoot but as practiced by the Mystics, says Vaughan, it included going sandalled, that is, neither barefoot nor shod.

Its ancient significance according to Taylor was as a mark of "reverence due to the Altar." Claudy says that the real purpose among orientals was that the Temple might not be defiled.

In modern Masonry the rite has a threefold application:

1. As of old, it is intended to impart a lesson in reverence—"put off thy shoes . . . for the place whereon thou standest is Holy ground." Exodus iii, 5. It is emphatically not to protect our Temples from being defiled that we adopt the rite. We must and do satisfy ourselves and all the Brethren that the candidate before he becomes an initiate is one whose life is clean and motives pure.

2. As a pledge of fidelity—"My F. shall travel through . . . and . . . to unite with his in forming a column of mutual and . . ."

3. As a constant reminder of the Mason's duty to practice charity. "You may recollect the peculiar moment in which you were received in M . . . , neither . . . nor . . ."

The changes in the mode of preparation too have their deeper significance, namely, that the understanding of the truths of life and of truth itself as Masonry depicts it, is a gradual growth or progress. We attain a physical objective by walking or climbing and each step should bring us nearer our goal. This may be applied likewise in the mental and spiritual spheres.

The significance of the rite in the Third Degree comes to the full measure of its symbolism. As we have progressed through the development of the physical and mental to the spiritual in accordance with the revealed will of the Most High, we must realize that we have reached the most sublime stage possible of conception. Thus we understand that the rite of disalcation now extends to the deepest understanding of our approach to the true union of the soul with its Maker.

2. THE LESSONS OF THE COMPASSES. The compasses are instruments wherein one point is placed at the centre and the distance to the other subscribes the extent of the circumference, the area increasing in much greater proportion as the radius is extended. As in the Second Degree the square is fundamental to its teachings so in the Third Degree are the lessons of the C.'s of its very essence. In our system the C.'s are intimately associated with the square as the ethical teachings of the two are co-related—our duties to God, our Brethren and ourselves are essentially interdependent. So soon as we begin work with the C.'s "to render the circle of our M. duties complete" we have a representation of the whole ambit of life's relationships, (a) the point within the circle—our point of contact with God. (b) the circumference—our Masonic course as individuals. (c) the area contained within that circumference—the field of our fraternal relationships.

The C.'s are constantly introduced into the ritual:

1. The Lodge is opened on the centre—a point without dimensions and still capable of accurate definition though no one has ever seen it. Practical experience convinces us that it must be existent. What a striking lesson of faith in God it furnishes.

2. The candidate is aided in obtaining admission by the united S. and C.'s. Other aids are essential but his own life and actions must be regular and he must be within due bounds in his relationship with his fellow men.

3. The candidate is . . . on both . . . of the C.'s. Symbolically within the limits of the circle containing all life's relationships, personal, fraternal and spiritual, are the essential qualifications of which he must be possessed—V., M., and B.L.—characteristic heart qualities.

4. The S. and C.'s lie on the Altar with the C.'s superimposed on the S. On them the C. is obligated (as explained in the degree).

5. The C.'s are the last and most significant of the W.T.'s presented to the candidate reminding him of the unerring and impartial justice of God and of the limits of good and evil, the penalty of sin and the reward of virtue (as explained in the degree).

From a speculative viewpoint we realize that in the moral life one must be in full control, always keeping one's bearings in relation

to the centre. In this regard we are reminded of the emblem of virtue, and that it is our duty to circumscribe our passions and keep our desires within due bounds. However, the significance is not that of keeping on the outside margin of the limits, but, rather of working towards the centre.

We are also told by Masonic students that as the Bible gives us light on our duties to God and the square illustrates our duties to our neighbourhood and brother, so, the compasses give that additional light which is to instruct us in the duty we owe to ourselves. However, we can take a more general lesson from the compasses, in that they teach us to appreciate and keep the right relationship to the M.H., ever approaching towards the truth.

Questions for Discussion: How does working with the compass
(a) Justify faith in God? (b) Define the limits of good and evil?
(c) Keep us within due bounds? What are those bounds? What
would you do if in the course of working a degree you discovered,
(a) that the candidate was not properly prepared? (b) that the
C.'s were not properly placed on the A. ?

Subject for Debate: Resolved that Masonry's ethical teachings are unduly obscured by symbols.

THE OVERCOMING LIFE—By Bro. J. E. Campbell.

1. THE APPROACH TO THE ALTAR. "The way to is by
steps—the first as if and the remaining
forward to the A."

In Craft Masonry we have a philosophy of life—a way of life from the cradle to the grave. The E.A. degree is the degree of youth. Every young man setting out on Life's journey has an open grave before him. It is the grave of the man who doesn't control his sensual appetites and passions. At initiation the candidate for Masonry is shrouded in darkness. This is intended to remind him of his ignorance which Freemasonry is to enlighten; of his evil nature which Freemasonry is to purify. He is taught the principles of moral truth and is admonished to lead a pure and upright life and in all circumstances of life, to be guided by the will of the G.A.O.T.U. The grave of sensuality lies before every young man but if he follows the teachings of Masonry he will overcome the temptations which would lure him from the path of rectitude and hence he will cross this open grave. "All the ceremonies of the E.A. degree are symbolic of an internal purification."—Mackey.

The F.C. degree is the degree of Middle life. Here again, is an open grave before the man who is worldly, selfish and avaricious. In many men, the desire for place, power and wealth dominates their thought and conduct. Worldly ambitions over-ride and crowd out those things which are really worth while. The cultural and spiritual values of life are forced out in favour of values material. The search for Divine Truth is forgotten. Masonry offers to every man a wider outlook on life. It commends to him the study of the liberal arts and sciences. It invites him to consider the wondrous faculties with which he has been endowed and impresses on him his duty to cultivate diligently those Divine attributes in order to show forth God's glory and to contribute not merely to his own welfare but to the welfare and happiness of mankind. He is taught that the great task before him is self-improvement. Still, however, in bettering his own condition in society he is not to forget the rights and privileges of the

great social compact. Masonry offers to him this larger vision and leaves to him to determine for himself what is just and right—and brotherly. By her teachings, he is enabled to cross this open grave of selfishness, avarice and insularity.

The Third Degree is the degree of old age. The third and last open grave is the one into which we all will sooner or later descend. Masonry teaches us to feel that to the just and virtuous man death has no terrors equal to the stain of falsehood and dishonour. The true Mason has overcome the fear of death. When man shall have passed the gates of life and shall have yielded to the inexorable fiat of death he shall then be raised, at the omnific word of the G.M. of the Universe, from time to eternity; from the tomb of corruption to the chambers of hope; from the darkness of death to the celestial beams of light. The fate of the temple builder is but figurative of the pilgrimage of man on earth, through trials and temptations, through sin and sorrow, until his eventual fall beneath the blow of death and his final and glorious resurrection to another and an eternal life. The good Mason believes in the life hereafter and this belief moulds his thought and character in preparation for that life. In his quiet hours, he may enjoy the happy reflections consequent on a well-spent life and die in the hope of a glorious *immortality*.

"And the remaining forward to the A." The figure four symbolizes the material universe. He takes four steps, symbolizing the overcoming of all earthly things—the temptations of youth, the dangers of middle life and the fear of death. In his search for Divine Truth—the Lost Word—he reaches the Centre. He learns that in this life Truth has no abiding place. The symbolic Word—this knowledge of Divine Truth is never thoroughly attained in this life. It is only beyond the tomb that man is capable of receiving and appreciating the revelation.

2. THE SYMBOLISM OF SEVEN. Long ago Pythagoras, the Greek philosopher and geometrician, made his whole system of philosophy rest on the conception of number as regulating the relations of all things. He was invited to Egypt by Pharaoh and introduced to the priests and philosophers who alone possessed the universal keys of the sacred sciences. After many years' study in Egypt, he journeyed to Babylon where he learned the secrets as to the past history of all the religions of the East. He knew that all these religions were rays of one same truth. He held the Key, that is, the synthesis of all these doctrines, in esoteric sciences. An inquiry into the origin of Freemasonry and the history of its connection with the ancient systems would, we believe, show that the mystic significance with which certain numbers are invested had its source in the ancient mysteries (religion). As regards the number seven:

Seven was among the Hebrews their "perfect" number. The Creation was perfected in seven days; seven priests, with seven trumpets encompassed the walls of Jericho for seven days. Noah received seven days' notice of the flood, and seven persons went with him into the Ark which rested on a mountain on the seventh month. The Sabbath is the seventh day; among the religions of antiquity, Jacob's ladder was supposed to consist of seven rounds; the Temple was seven years in building.

Among the Gentiles the same number was equally sacred. Pythagoras called it a "venerable number." The septenary division of the week is sufficiently universal to indicate the influence of the number. Seven, the compound of three and four, signifies the union of man and divinity. It is the figure of the adepts, the great initiates, and,

since it expresses the complete realization in all things through seven degrees, it represents the law of evolution.

To show that seven is an important number in the Fraternity we have only to think of, "Seven or more make it perfect . . ." "K.S. was seven years and upwards in building . . ." ". . . Seven liberal arts and sciences . . ." "They ascended a W.S. consisting of . . ." "The way to approach the A. in this D. is by . . ."

The seven is made up of three and four, the two perfect figures, triangle and square. The number seven symbolizes perfection in its original meaning. (Percutio—to make completely, to perfect.)

Question for Discussion: Would it not be in the best interests of Masonry to instruct the young M.M. in the symbolism and philosophy of Masonry, at the earliest opportunity after he has been raised to the S.D.?

ROBERT BURNS—POET AND MASON

By V.W. Bro. The Rev. S. Farley, M.A.

When one touches any department of the life of the great Scottish Bard he touches an almost inexhaustible topic. Burns was the poet of Nature. He wrote of eternal things which find a mirror in every heart. In glowing language of rapture and fire he expressed the feelings of the ordinary man. His power is shown by the spirit that shines forth in every page; the spirit that enables the reader to visualize and link Burns to his soul as a living personality.

But it is of Burns the Mason, and not simply the Poet that we are concerned, for Masonry played a very active part in Burns' life and as a Mason he has much to teach us. For one thing he had a passion and zeal for Masonry that is not as common in these days as one would like to see. With him it was something more than a mere social centre. It inspired some of the most democratic of his poems which breathe the very atmosphere of Masonry.

Burns became a member of Saint David's Lodge, Tarbolton, on July 4th, 1781, when he was only twenty-two years of age. It is worthy of note that the Craft, at that time, included nearly all the men of mark in the country. A short time prior to Burns' initiation a union was effected between the two Tarbolton Lodges—St. David's 174, and St. James' 178, and the United Lodge called St. David's. Within a year this union was dissolved when Burns became a member of St. James Lodge. He was elected Deputy Master in 1784, which office he held to 1788. As Deputy Master, Burns presided at many of the meetings and signed the minutes.

At that time the regular meetings of the Lodge were held at an inn, known as "The Cross Keys", Tarbolton, which was kept by a person by the name of Manson. The building still stands and has been renovated, but the Lodge now meets in a commodious hall of its own. Among its treasured possessions are the chair in which Burns sat as Deputy Master, the gavel he used in ruling the Lodge, the minute book containing three minutes entirely in Burns' handwriting, and twenty-five other minutes signed by him as Deputy Master. The candlesticks in use at the time he was Deputy Master are preserved and are in use at the present time, in addition to several other relics, including letters sent out by Burns in his Masonic capacity.

About this time the poet decided to leave his native Scotland for Jamaica where he had secured a position and he wrote the poem entitled "Farewell to the Brethren of St. James' Lodge." Dudley

Wright in his book "Robert Burns and Freemasonry" tells us that in reading this poem to the members of the Lodge, when he got to the last stanza, the tears were rolling down the cheeks of many of his Brethren. Happily, principally through his Masonic tie, his plans were changed and he left for Edinburgh instead.

Let us now look at the influence of Masonry on Burns. When we keep in mind his humble birth and lack of early educational facilities it is only natural to conclude that he was wanting to some extent in that finish that education provides. Through his Masonic connections he came into contact with many who had enjoyed the privileges he was denied and slowly but surely he developed mentally. His native ability was fully recognized and encouraged in Masonic gatherings, and from these humble beginnings his fame spread beyond the mystic circle and earned for him that fame that has increased with the passing of the years. There is an impression among those who do not know Burns that Masonry was responsible for his love of convivial habits, and that he indulged in all sorts of excesses. The poet's brother Gilbert, however, says: "Notwithstanding the praise he has bestowed on Scotch drink (which seems to have misled the historians) I do not recollect ever to have seen him intoxicated, nor was he at all given to drinking." While his wife, writing to one who was a contributor to the Scots Magazine said: "In all her knowledge of him, either before marriage, or after, she never once saw him intoxicated. Never once did she know him to be "seen hame" or in the least difficulty as to disposal of himself when he arrived."

There are many direct references to Masonry in Burns' poems and letters. In writing to the Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Scotland he says: "We look upon our Masonic Lodge to be a serious matter, both in respect of the character of Masonry itself, and likewise as it is a charitable society."

The tenets of Masonry run through a number of his poems. It is he who taught as perhaps none other has that it is the internal and not the external qualifications that count. If Burns is more popular and more beloved today than at any time in the world's history it is due to his large-hearted love for humanity, and his universal sympathy. I do not know whether his great Democratic Poem was written with Masonry in mind but its teachings are there; it breathes the spirit of Masonry:

"Then let us pray that come it may,
As come it will for a' that,
That sense and worth o'er a' the earth
May bear the gree, and a' that,
For a' that, and a' that,
It's coming yet for a' that,
That man to man the warl o'er,
Shall brothers be for a' that."

He set standards which appeal to the whole human family. He was the foe of bigotry, but he was, at the same time, intensely religious. In his Commonplace Book he wrote: "The grand end of human life is to cultivate an intercourse with that Being to Whom we owe life, with every enjoyment that renders life delightful; and to maintain an integrative conduct towards our fellow creatures."

Masonry played a very large part in making Burns the man he was, and made it possible in no small way for his works to be preserved to this day in which we live.

Questions for Discussion: What was the most prominent side of Burns' character? What were the conditions under which his

works were written? Taking into account the times he lived in what is your estimate of his character? What estimate did Burns place on: Manhood, Freedom, Brotherhood, Contentment, Charity? How did he picture rural life? How did he regard the beauties of nature?

Subject for Debate: Resolved that Masonry has contributed more to making "great" men great than great men have contributed to Masonry.

THE CRISES OF LIFE—By Bro. A. N. Hardy.

1. **SYMBOLISM OF THE THREE ASSASSINS:** Progress lies at the heart of all human development. The law of life is progress or die. But true progress is always built upon suffering and sacrifice. Every good thing which we possess today is ours because of the pain, the toil, the tears and oftentimes the blood of someone who sacrificed for that good. Every good cause is likewise built upon sacrifice. Freemasonry is a living, growing, developing life. It is more than ritual, form or organization, it is life itself, but life ever coming to something nobler. Underneath and supporting the great Freemasonry brotherhood is the sacrifice of those noble souls who have lived and died for it. Hence the legend of H.A.

Whether the story of the three assassins and the murder of H.A. is a historical fact or merely a legend we are not here concerned. We have in the legend a dramatic parable of a great experience of the human soul in its struggle against the adversaries of life. Always "there are giants in the way", and all progress must sooner or later encounter obstacles; but while the adversaries seem at first victorious they are ultimately defeated and the soul attains its moral victory. H.A. typifies every noble man who in his own soul determines to live courageously, honourably and faithfully, and H.A.'s experiences as set forth in the drama are in one way or another the experiences of every man who determines to be true to his principles. The three assassins symbolize, Ignorance, Intolerance, and Fanaticism. These ever seek to destroy man's honour, convert his courage into cowardice, and betray his soul, and in their opposition even encompass his death and apparent defeat; but H.A. lives while they die, for the man who stands true to his loyalties whatever betide has within him a quality of life which death cannot touch. Such a man is unconquerable even in death.

But real progress cannot be stayed by evil forces. Right must win over might. Vice cannot finally triumph over virtue. When the three assassins will have been forgotten, when the very temple the building of which they sought to prevent shall have crumbled into dust, the work of H.A. will live on. All good is eternal. The defeat of the assassins symbolizes that good will finally conquer evil. Moreover these assassins are the main foes of human liberty. The chief aim of Masonry is to aid man in conquering these foes which are the baser elements in his own nature—Ignorance, Intolerance, Fanaticism.

Ignorance is "the night of the mind but a night without moon or star."—*Confucius*. "The true Mason seeks light that darkness may be dispelled and knowledge that ignorance may be removed." Human intelligence is only of value when it is enlightened and directed by that Divine principle existent within the soul itself. To know the truth is to know one's inner self.

Intolerance is the arch enemy of Freemasonry. Toleration is one of the chief corner stones of the Fraternity. Masonry teaches

equal rights to all mankind both political and religious. It is devoted to the cause of toleration and justice and against fanaticism and persecution. It teaches toleration and respect for another's opinions since while we all seek the truth, only our own ignorance justifies us in the claim that we alone are in possession of it. Masonry pays no respect to creed or dogmas but insists that all Masons may worship according to their particular tenets founded on the principles taught by the Grand Master Architect of brotherly love, relief and truth. Let us be slow to judge others lest we condemn ourselves.

Fanaticism, "the frenzy that overbalances the mind", is not only one of the assassins of the G.M. but the common foe of humanity. It spares neither the high nor those of low estate. It has overthrown kingdoms and broken down empires. It has mocked at religion and is today seeking to undermine and destroy our whole civilization.

2. LESSONS IN REORGANIZATION. 1. Great causes progress after individual leaders depart. "The work that men do lives after them." H.A. though dead yet lives, for the principles symbolized in the legend lives in the heart of every good Mason. This is a lesson both in faith and humility.

2. Each Mason has his place in the larger plan of the Great Architect of the Universe, and it is only as each does his work faithfully that the plan finally succeeds. This gives dignity and purpose to life.

3. Earthly obstacles, evil forces as typified by the ruffians cannot ultimately frustrate the will of God. The temple was completed although H.A. was killed.

4. Death plays no favorites, for it takes the strong with the weak, the learned with the ignorant. Our G.M. was ready for death because he had lived courageously. In the life of the soul there is a constant warfare between the good and the evil. That man is ready for death who in life conquers the evil within his own heart.

5. Although death summoned the G.M. in the hey-day of his usefulness, ever since his death his virtues have been inculcated into every true Mason's life. What a noble thing to live here and now so that we may be worthy hereafter to live on in the memories of mankind.

6. In the way Solomon faced the situation we have a great lesson on the way in which men should face and meet the crises of life. He carried the noble work of the G.M. on to completion. God always has someone ready to take our place. This should make us both diligent and humble.

7. When Solomon wanted a chief superintendent he found Adoniram ready for the duty. How important that we should be prepared and ready for life's important task. So get wisdom, wisdom broadens our vision, eliminates from our mind prejudice and petty narrowness. It steers our bark over the dangerous shoals of moral deterioration and indifference.

Questions for Discussion: Ignorance, Intolerance, Fanaticism, how may we most effectually combat these vices in our present day civilization? Is the transgressor vindicated or excused in his action on the ground of ignorance? Do you believe right will finally triumph over wrong? Give reasons. Does evil always carry with it its own punishment?

Subject for Debate: Resolved that pain and suffering are necessary to human progress.

THE TRIUMPH OF VIRTUE—By W. Bro. A. E. Neville.

1. **SYMBOLISM OF THE DEATH BLOWS:** The death blows are given to the Builder by three Rites at the E., W. and S. E.'s to the temple. They are given with tools or implements necessarily used in the construction of the temple. These blows have been differently interpreted, but these interpretations have always some reference to adverse or malignant influences exercised on humanity of which Hiram is typical.

According to one interpretation the blows refer to the trials and temptations to which man is subjected in youth, manhood and old age. Hence the three occasions represent three stages in human life. In recent years the blows have been taken usually to typify ignorance, intolerance and fanaticism contending against Truth. According to this interpretation Hiram represents the principle of *Good* and the death blows the contending spirits of *Evil*.

The question naturally arises as to whether in the drama evil actually triumphs over good. Hiram is waylaid by those in whom he trusted, murdered in the midst of his creative and benignant work, and secretly and indecently interred in an unmarked grave; the G.S. of a M.M. are lost and confusion reigns among the builders. Hiram is, however, by no means defeated. The godlike spirit within him dedicated to the eternal values raises him from the level of death to the perpendicular of life that is eternal. His untimely death gives us a stimulating example for the development of mind and soul. Thus unbounded by material things we are taught to direct our search, with hope and confidence along the spiritual way of life in the tireless searchings of eternity.

The plot as portrayed, teaching Hiram's superiority over death, was modelled on a tradition as old as the race and finding expression from the earliest times in Mystical and Religious Rites of which the most familiar is the Christian Drama of which Tennyson says: "Thou madest Death and Lo: Thy foot, is on the skull which Thou hast made." In the Masonic Drama, however, there is no claim to divine or prophetic powers. Hiram left no gospel or code of ethics. He left, as a man, only a great example and inspiration for man. By his own diligence and labour he discovered how to build the temple and thereby demonstrated to the world that each individual has within himself the capacity to seek and to find the G. S.'s of a M.M.

The P.R., L. and heavy S.M., useful implements of construction, are converted by the ruffians into weapons of torture and death. Too often our talents and accomplishments are arrayed on the side of Evil. What a tragedy to see brilliant and capable men well qualified for a life of service, languishing in oblivious decay and profligacy. Each blow was struck at our G.M. after each refusal to betray the sacred trust reposed in him. All blows were aimed at the head, the seat of the intellect. Thus the forces of Evil, unable to prostitute the secrets and truths of life, attempts directly to accomplish their destruction.

2. **THE CHARACTER OF A M.M.** Character implies a just and impartial estimate of the qualities which we actually possess. It must be distinguished from mere reputation. Candidates for M. must be just and upright men of sound judgment and strict morals. What more is required of a M.M.? No matter how spiritual and intellectual a candidate may be, he will acquire moral and spiritual advantage from exposure to the teachings of the three degrees. Continuous application to Masonic study will produce a character modelled

and directed in thought and action by the deepest lessons of Masonic symbolism. The motive of Masonry is to admit worthy men of the material world and direct them on the way to a spiritual life. The true character of a M.M. must be one with a spiritual outlook or one always directed to that point within a circle. Masonry stands for the right of the soul to know the truth and to look unhindered from the lap of earth into the face of God.

Admission into M. is a great and invaluable privilege reserved to worthy men. In appreciation of this fact members should always remember that their lives and actions should stand out as exemplary to all the world. The structure of Freemasonry is an application of the Operative Masons' art in building a Temple, symbolically teaching as Speculative Masonry a moral and spiritual system which, if followed, is perfection. Man, however, is prone to err. Our human frailties cause us to falter in our progress and only our first G.M. is credited with Masonic Perfection. It is, however, the privilege and duty of every M. to strive for the highest Masonic character. The higher our aim the greater will be our achievement. As put by Robert Browning:

"A man's reach must exceed his grasp
Else what's a Heaven for."

Masonry is no comfortable habitation for the inert, indolent or indifferent. We must be labourers in the speculative field as Operative Masons were in the physical. We are expected to overcome adversity; standing four square to all the winds that blow. Our first lesson in Masonry is to always stand erect, and we bow only to the Altar. Masonry in the First and Second Degrees teaches and directs us how to live; in the Third and culminating Degree it prepares us for the closing hours of our existence. Building a massive stone temple is really symbolic of building solid inflexible Masonic character. Thus, by means of Masonic symbolism and with a soul fired with intelligence we are seeking the abiding and ultimate truths of life—truths, secret, sacred and eternal and found by the individual alone deep down in the recesses of his own heart.

He only who directs his life by the principles of the Sq. and Cs. displays truly the symbols of the Craft. His definite purpose by word and action proclaims a character worthy of the institution to which he has been admitted and which is so effectively portrayed in the general charge of the Installation Ceremony. This beautiful portrait of "the ideal of a F.M." is heard but once a year; it could be frequently repeated and discussed with great advantage.

Questions for Discussion: Why is there no N. Ent. to the Temple? Is there any significance in the fact that Hiram makes no attempt at self-defence? To what extent is our Order judged by its membership?

Subject for Debate: Resolved that indifference is a more potent enemy of Truth than even ignorance, intolerance, and fanaticism of which the three Rs. are symbolic.

A MASTER'S WAGES—*By Bro. G. M. Thomson.*

1. Masonry presents more than one paradox, not the least of which is that a M.M. is not only the Temple that is built, but he himself is the builder of the edifice. His life is his masterpiece. And his wages are in the work itself.

2. The definition of wages should not be overlooked. "Payment for services rendered." "And each man's reward shall be according

as his work shall be." The great law of compensation, granting to each his just due in the measure as he shall have earned it, is not only the Law of Life; it is also the Masonic Law. But the *reward* is conditioned and measured by the *labour*. If we have not received the return we expected the reason is with ourselves.

3. His wages, therefore, are abstract in substance, but concrete in result. As the M.M. labours at the building of his Temple, his wages accrue daily in the measure of his skill and labour at that work, and in the form of increasing power and strength in the service of God and man.

4. At the same time, skill and labour in service store up within the Temple those attributes through which the M.M. arrives finally at his goal—Truth and Light.

5. Immortality we have; Eternal Life we *earn*. To earn is to gain as a just recompense for one's labour; there can be no question of *repayment* in earning Eternal Life—it comes afterward as a reward for labour and service, as wages.

6. In the light of the above, a broader understanding must follow of the wages Freemasonry gives us. As the real strength and significance of the institution is the hidden and spiritual meaning underlying its allegory and imagery, so the wages a M.M. receives refer, not to the wages of gold and silver earned in the exercise of the operative art, but to the ultimate recompense in the future life; the discovery of the True Word, Divine Truth, as a reward for a life diligently spent in its search.

THE SANCTUM SANCTORUM—By Bro. G. M. Thomson.

1. The Holy of Holies, in all races and throughout all time, has been the manifestation of man's need for a secret, inviolable place in which his God reposes, and toward which man's supplications to Him may be directed.

2. Among the pagans and heathen, this need for direction of heart and thought took the form of images, or of animals, receiving directly the worship of believers, by whom they must be propitiated.

3. The Sanctum Sanctorum of the V.S.L., however, was the heart and centre first of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness and later of Solomon's Temple, in that portion of each dedicated to the Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat.

4. God is a Spirit. From the Holy of Holies He revealed Himself, beginning from Himself and working outward toward Man; while the worshipper begins from himself, moving toward God in the Holy of Holies. Thus in the Holy of Holies reposes at once the strength and the supplicative necessities of man.

5. The M.M.'s Sanctum Sanctorum is the Altar. Here, as E.A. and Craftsman, he made his solemn obligations. It is the climatic point of these degrees. But to the M.M. the Altar is infinitely more than the climax in each of successive steps toward knowledge. It is transformed into the Holy of Holies, on which repose the V.S.L. and the S. and C., the sanction and the symbols of the Order; the centre of the Lodge is here; the Spirit of God, as in the Temple, is over it; it is the radiant from and through which the M.M.'s understanding of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man are derived; and at the Altar is made the sacrifice of the M.M. himself.

Questions for Discussion: If man is himself the Temple then would it be correct to say that the S.S. is within him? Does Masonry teach (1) "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you"? (2) "The wages

of sin is death"? Why should H.A. be interred *near* the S.S.? What is meant by "common or unclean"? "Difficulty, adversity and persecution are the wages of a Master." Discuss.

Subject for Debate: Resolved that the study of man leads to knowledge of God.

PERSONALITY IS IMMORTAL—By V.W. Bro. A. W. Ingram.

When Claudy in his "Introduction to Freemasonry" states that the Sublime Degree "presents us with eternity in the midst of life" he leaves us to place our own interpretation on this statement.

In discussing it, let us re-examine the *purpose* of the Third Degree. The candidate is first initiated, then passed and finally *raised* (surely a significant word)—*raised* to the Sublime Degree. Scarce is he within the Lodge when a voice prays that he may "pass safely through the of the shadow of ". This thought is further impressed by the fact that he has to step over an O.G. on his way to the Altar. Again he is told that he is being prepared "for the closing hour of his existence", and is being instructed "how to die". Again he is assured that death has no terrors for the man who has "squared his life with the principles of truth and justice."

But there is another side to the degree that is of even greater importance, and which should not escape the attention of the candidate. "Thus", the Master tells him, when he is raised by the assistance of the Wardens from the into which he has just descended "are all Master Masons raised from a *figurative* death to a *reunion with the companions of their former toils*." It is only after that dramatic experience that he is raised on the five points of *fellowship* and pledged to a new loyalty toward and support of his Brethren. It is such an experience that time will never efface its memory. When too he is presented with his apron he is told that it is meant to remind him "of those important duties which" he has "just solemnly engaged" himself "to perform".

All this can have but one meaning. Whilst it is true that the degree is intended to teach the Mason how to die and to prepare himself for the closing hours of his existence, it is also true that, having died to evil, physical death need have no terrors for the just and upright man. It is not physical death we need fear, but spiritual. Only when a Mason has died to the evil within, does he really live in relation to the teaching of Masonry and in relation to his Brethren.

The V.S.L. teaches us very clearly that "unless a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die" it cannot really live. It is the fear of losing his life that prevents a man from really gaining it. Only by dying can we live. "Whosoever will lose his life shall save it." Unless we descend to the grave there can never be a resurrection.

"For there is nothing lives but something dies,

And there is nothing dies but something lives."

Though H.A. goes down to the grave he does not die, but is re-born in the heart of every Mason. He has a quality of life that death cannot touch. The assassins are gone, but H.A. lives. The Godlike within him raises him from the level of death to the perpendicular of life that is eternal. Wilmshurst in his "Meaning of Masonry" says: "Beneath the allegory of the death of the Master is expressed the universal truth that mystical death must precede mystical rebirth 'Ye must be born again' . It is only thus that all Master Masons can be raised from a figurative (not a physical) death to a regenerated state, and to the full stature of human nature."

That is it. It is a new man that comes from the grave to mingle in a new way, with a new spirit, among the companions of his former toils. One has said that "despite the mastery of nature, there never was a time when man was less master of himself." We are *Master* Masons.

Death causes fear—new birth means pangs. Yet might it not be well if many a Mason knew the pang of a re-birth, in which having lost his narrow, selfish, distorted view of life he gained a charitable, brotherly, true view of his relationship to others.

If this is what Claudy means by presenting "us with eternity in the midst of life", we heartily agree. Eternal life is not what we enter upon after physical death, but "this is Life Eternal that we should know Him"—"correspond" with Him, be in "tune with the Infinite". It is something we may have now. It is not a physical transition but a moral awakening. "Hereby we know that we have passed from death unto life" not because we are prepared for physical death and ready for heaven, but "because we *love the Brethren*". This, my son, was *dead*, and is *alive* again!

2. "THE SPRIG OF ACACIA". "The Sprig of Acacia which marked the temporary resting place of the illustrious dead holds the greatest comfort for Masons." Thus Claudy states, and naturally we ask—why? The Acacia was an evergreen shrub, and immediately there comes to our mind the tender ritual of a Masonic burial. Watch the Brethren drop a small sprig of evergreen on the mortal remains of a deceased Brother, whose body they have committed to the ground, whose memory they cherish in their hearts, and whose spirit they commend to God, Who gave it. That little sprig of evergreen recalls to their minds the story of the weary searcher who attempted to raise himself by the aid of an evergreen shrub—the sprig of Acacia. Discovering as he did the hastily interred body of H.A., grieving for the loss of a great Master, he was yet comforted in the fact that though physical death had claimed his body, his spirit lived on. A beautiful symbol to all future generations of Masons that though a man die yet shall he live.

Immortality is not a doctrine that can be proved by mathematical science. It is a faith by which men live. Faith is the product of heart and experience, and the Mason who has already died to himself and risen to a new experience of fellowship with his Brethren knows that he has within him that which death cannot touch. The sprig of evergreen is a gentle but powerful reminder that if we die with Him we shall also be raised with Him.

Question for Discussion: It is said: (1) that at the foot of an acacia tree the body of Osiris was cast ashore. (2) that from its wood the Ark of the Covenant and the sacred furniture of the Temple were constructed. (3) that of its boughs the Crown of Thorns was woven. How do you apply these statements Masonically?

Subject for Debate: Resolved that "the search for the Word is the reason for life."

THE LANDMARKS AND THE ANCIENT CHARGES

By Bro. H. C. M. Brown.

1. THE LANDMARKS—THE UNWRITTEN LAW. A portion of the charge to the newly raised candidate contains the following injunction: "The Ancient Landmarks of the Order you are to preserve *Sacred* and *inviolable*." "Sacred" implies the subject is entitled to

extreme reverence—is, in a religious sense; “holy”; “inviolable”, that it is incapable of being broken or violated.

In ancient days, landmarks were set to mark the boundaries—in surveying his lines, the title seeker had recourse to Geometry, one of the sciences recommended for Masonic study.

What are the Landmarks of Masonry? And whence came they? A great diversity of opinion exists amongst Masonic scholars on both questions—but perhaps as A. G. Mackey suggests, “the safest method is to restrict them to those ancient and therefore universal customs of the Craft which either gradually grew into operation as rules of action—or if enacted by any competent authority were enacted at a time so remote, that no account of their origin is to be found in the records of history.” They are therefore “of higher antiquity than memory or history can reach.”

The Ancient Landmarks stand clothed with the venerable habiliments of Antiquity—their seeming weakness (their indefinite origin) being perhaps their greatest strength. Relying not on the sign manual of an Imperator—nor wrested, as the Magna Charta, from an unwilling monarch, they derive their strength from and out of the simple fact that ancient and common usage has given them legal force and effect.

The suggestion has been offered that it would have been preferable had these come to us codified. In that might lie a greater weakness—to more than offset any advantage of convenience for in such circumstances we would have the relationship of the Creature to its Creator—with the consequent right of the Creator to change, amend or destroy its Creature. As it is, their innate Sovereignty is unchallenged and unimpeachable.

To A. G. Mackey we are indebted for perhaps the best known enumeration of the Ancient Landmarks—though many eminent authors and scholars have challenged his tabulation. Several Grand Lodges have adopted his—others have compiled and written into their constitutions lists of their own—but neither practice can define what the Landmarks *must be*.

So many have never taken the trouble to acquaint themselves with any written exposition of the Ancient Landmarks, that it is recommended that Mackey’s enumeration be read for the general information of members of the Craft.

No Lodge, Grand or subordinate, can enact new Landmarks—nor change any of the old. They stand as bulwarks against innovation—yet are not so numerous as to impede progress or needful reform.

2. THE ANCIENT CHARGES. In general the Ancient Charges are concerned with the relations of the individual Brother to his Lodge. First printed, together with the general regulations about 1723, following the historic (Masonic) date of 1717, when the Mother Grand Lodge of present day, wholly speculative, Masonry was formed. These two form the basis of our written Law—but while the General Regulations—which deal with the conduct of the Craft as a whole—permit their alteration by Grand Lodge, the Old Charges like the Ancient Landmarks, permit of no such alteration.

The Ancient Charges are contained in the printed Constitution of our own Grand Lodge (which see) but we are more familiar with the summary of the Ancient Charges, ordered to be read by the Secretary to the Master-Elect, to which he must subscribe prior to his installation.

Reference to these will indicate how thoroughly the authors

codified the law governing the relation of the individual to his Lodge. They form a valuable precedent as well as foundation for our written Law.

Claudy's summary of the composition of Masonic Law contains this paragraph: "With the Ancient Landmarks as a foundation, the Old Charges for precedent, the first General Regulations for organic Law, Grand Lodges write and adopt their Constitutions and By-laws, and particular Lodges write and adopt their By-laws; Grand Masters issue edicts and make decisions. All of these form the legal structure of Freemasonry." Undeniably a much looser form than that set for the government of a nation—but "Freemasons obey their Laws, not so much because they must, as because they *will*."

Questions for Discussion: What is the weakness of being governed by "unwritten" law? If a provision in G.L. Constitution should be contrary to an Ancient Landmark which should govern? How many Ancient Landmarks do authorities list? How ancient are the Landmarks, the charges, and the general regulations?

Subject for Debate: Resolved that Masonry would be more progressive if less circumscribed by tradition.

MODERN TRENDS IN FREEMASONRY

By W. Bro. D. Fraser and M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate.

1. THE PRESENT DAY SITUATION. In many parts of Europe today Truth is shackled: democracy has become an antiquarian echo: freedom of speech, of press, of institutions and of thought has become but a memory. With the stringent enforcement of decrees and prohibitions the great temple of organized Freemasonry has been razed and demolished and its leaders banished and martyred.

We realize that Truth blossoms in the most unpromising surroundings and is discovered by the humblest of students. Taking the long view of the progress of civilization we are convinced that ignorance, intolerance and fanaticism cannot enthrall the human race permanently: that the ultimate victory of Right and Truth is certain: "That Truth crushed to earth will rise again."

But we must realize too that as Masons we must be alert and on the defensive against the dangerous, godless enemies of Truth who are in the ascendant in many parts of Europe. We in Canada today have a real menace to face in the demagogues and agitators who are abroad in the land and we must be on our guard against the same irreligious and godless agencies that are at work in other parts of the world.

It has been charged that in Europe Masonry as an Institution was actively engaged in politics and was closely identified with political parties and involved in political controversy. If as an organization Masonry offended against this salutary rule then it must suffer the consequences. But Masons as individuals are not so bound and interference with blood-bought freedom challenges our direct individual action. The situation in Europe is a warning to us which we must not, dare not, disregard. "A Mason has a public as well as a Masonic character—he must be a citizen before he can be a Mason." His first duty after his duty to God is to his King and Country. (See the charges.)

It is a striking political phenomenon that invariably where despots are in the ascendant relatively small minorities have control and impose their wills on vast majorities. The lesson is clear. If Masons as citizens, representing as they do a substantial proportion

of the best in every community, took a definite stand, instead of just letting matters drift, they could, in every just cause, make the success of that cause certain—nationally and even internationally. In the cause of World Peace what an influence Masons *could* bring to bear—or again in the sustaining of constituted authority.

As a result of the economic depression Freemasonry today faces a situation which in the case of the individual seems trivial but when considered in the mass presents a problem of major importance. It is the loss of membership through N.P.D. In North America, a report to the end of 1935 shows, 11½% of the total membership were suspended N.P.D. and in all Canada 4½%. Another effect of the same cause is the dearth of initiates. Closely allied therewith is the wide disparity in ages of the groups within our Lodges—part of the price paid for our sacrifices in the great war. In every Lodge we have two groups—the aged and the youthful with naturally conflicting outlook and attitude to life. Where is the group in the prime of life who normally would be there as the leaders and strength of the organization? Alas, they lie in Flanders Fields where the best of a generation of the world's best gave their lives for the Cause of Truth—or so they believed!

2. "WHITHER ARE WE DIRECTING OUR STEPS?" A new generation has achieved manhood. It is demanding its place in world affairs, institutions and work. The hope of the future is that it will do a better job than we have done—by evolution, not revolution. They will Knock at our portals and we must welcome them. When they unite with us think you they will be satisfied with ritual, ceremony and formality—or will they ask and expect something deeper, richer and more satisfying? We prophesy the latter. Fortunately we have it for them in the rich treasure trove of Masonic tradition, history, symbolism and philosophy. How then shall we discover the Truth to them? Through the work of Masonic education and research. In every Lodge and with every Mason the lamp of Knowledge should be trimmed and burning brightly. The oil that feeds the flame is ready to hand in the work made available by this Committee for those who would be prepared.

The depression is easing. Many who have been for a time suspended will shortly return. But in the interval they will have done some deep thinking. If they return it will be because they have concluded that Masonry is essentially worth while. They too, will demand stronger food intellectually than they did before going into the wilderness alone! They long for Brotherly Love but they hunger for Masonic Truth. The same feast must be prepared for them as for the youth above referred to.

At the recent Communication of Grand Lodge, M.W. Bro. Anderson of Ontario said: "I come to you as a messenger of good will . . . the forces of Masonry are meeting the menace and challenge of the disruptive forces in the Commonwealth." Those forces are shrewd enough to realize that in this day and in this land the strongest appeal is intellectual and they are emphasizing so-called "education of the masses." It is sound to fight fire with fire!

Masonry is not a collection of like minded people who enjoy each other and nothing else. The Mason who would serve Masonry and his country best at this time must devote his time first to mastering the fundamentals of this great system of philosophy and then put them into daily practice as an individual citizen. His job is to live Masonry and be a steadying influence not only to his Brethren but in the community where he lives. If we are directing our steps along this path

which the Committee on Masonic Education is attempting to blaze—if we are “keeping to the right”—the community at large will be enriched.

Questions for Discussion: 1. What should be a Mason’s attitude towards (a) the home; (b) the church; (c) all moral questions; (d) the legislature; (e) civil authority; (f) community welfare? 2. “The spread of the spirit and practice of Masonry can alone restore tranquility to a distracted world.” Discuss.

Subject for Debate: Resolved that organized Masonry should from time to time publicly pronounce its stand on matters of political economy.

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence

In presenting the review of correspondence this year, we desire to state that we have endeavoured to curtail, as far as possible and, at the same time, have tried to give a general idea of the work carried on and the conditions prevailing in each Jurisdiction reviewed.

We have reviewed the proceedings of 65 Jurisdictions and these include those which are at hand on May 1st, 1936. Those which have not been received by that date we hope to include in the review next year.

Altogether there appears to be an improvement in conditions throughout the Jurisdictions. The messages of the Grand Masters are very optimistic, more so than they have been for some years, and while nearly all Grand Lodges continue to report loss in membership, the loss as a rule is smaller than for several years past. Several factors have contributed to check the continuous decrease in numbers; there has been, in many Jurisdictions, a considerable increase in the petitions received, and this is no doubt to some extent a result of improved economic conditions; there have also been a greater number of reinstatements than in previous years and fewer suspensions for non-payment of dues. In some of the Jurisdictions there has been a well organized effort on the part of the Lodges to bring back suspended Brethren and this effort seems to have had marked results. The opinion is expressed by some of the Grand Masters that Lodges should make a greater effort to hold the membership already enrolled and not evince so great a desire for new members.

In some Jurisdictions the finances of the constituent Lodges are a source of trouble. In many cases the difficulty is due to expensive building projects without proper means of meeting the obligations thus incurred. For this reason there is a growing tendency on the part of Grand Lodges to supervise such projects and not permit them to be commenced unless it is clear that they will be adequately financed. Many of the Grand Lodges have felt the stress of the times. Suspensions for non-payment of dues and a corresponding decrease in Grand Lodge revenue have made it difficult to meet the necessary budget, particularly in some of the Jurisdictions which are obligated to provide for the maintenance of a Masonic Home. In some localities poor crops have caused decreased revenues. On the whole, however, the Grand Lodges have met with the difficulties with courage and are now looking forward to improvement in the immediate future.

In some European countries Masonry has had a most difficult time. It is under the ban in Germany, Austria, Italy and Russia. In

the Scandinavian countries and in the Netherlands it exists with little objection but the number of members in these countries is largely restricted due to local conditions and to the care with which members are selected. In France there is much anti-Masonic sentiment but it is said that Freemasonry there is making some progress. In Switzerland it is reported that 50,000 signatures have been obtained to a petition asking for a referendum on an amendment to the Swiss Constitution to prohibit Masonry in all its forms. It is difficult for us on this continent to conceive of such a situation. The condition of Masonry in the British Isles is more encouraging than in any other part of Europe. It is said, however, that Co-Masonry is spreading from the continent to the British Isles, and Dr. William M. Brown, Past Grand Master of Virginia, is authority for the statement that there are 1,000 Co-Masonic Lodges in the United States.

Some very interesting and useful information is contained in a statement prepared by Bro. J. Edward Allen, Foreign Correspondent of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina: According to this statement there are in the world 29,079 Masonic Lodges with a total membership of 3,868,403; of these the United States has 15,967 Lodges with a membership of 2,849,973; Canada has 1,381 Lodges and a membership of 193,500; the Philippine Islands have 105 Lodges with 5,971 members; the British Isles have 6,915 Lodges and 435,000 members, and of these England has 5,340 Lodges and 315,000 members.

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Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

ALABAMA

115th Annual Communication at Montgomery, December 3rd and 4th, 1935. Grand Master Samuel A. Moore. Lodges 485. Members 28,611. Loss 796. Prior to the opening of Grand Lodge the Brethren assembled for the purpose of receiving a visit from the Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and her staff of officers. Six Past Grand Masters were present and 56 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan, by Bro. Joseph D. Pruett. The Grand Representatives were welcomed by the Grand Master and requested to extend greetings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama to their respective Grand Lodges. 267 constituent Lodges were represented.

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held on March 1st, 1935, for the purpose of attending the funeral of M.W. Bro. Henry C. Miller, Past Grand Master.

The Grand Master expressed his gratitude to the Order of the Eastern Star for their efforts in connection with the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, stating that without their aid he feared it would have been impossible to successfully operate the Home.

The charters of 12 Lodges were forfeited during the year and one was surrendered. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported that several applications for recognition had been received but made no recommendation in regard to them. This Committee also stated that because of no appropriation for the preparation and publication of the review of proceedings none had been prepared and expressed the opinion that the Grand Lodge suffered a real loss when no reviews appear in the proceedings.

ALBERTA

30th Annual Communication at Calgary, June 12th and 13th,

1935. Grand Master, Victor A. Bowes. Lodges, 157. Members, 12,584. Loss, 473. 14 Past Grand Masters were present and 35 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill. R.W. Bro. A. Davison, the Mayor of Calgary, extended a welcome on behalf of the City to which M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill replied. The Grand Secretary called the roll of Grand Representatives and they were addressed by the Grand Master who asked them to extend his sincere fraternal greetings to the Grand Masters of their respective Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master referred at length to the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty King George V. He pointed out that Freemasonry in the Motherland had repeatedly acknowledged by word and action its loyal devotion to the King and the Royal Family, many of whom have been and are active members of the Craft.

Alberta responded to the request of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for a message and a Flag in connection with the special ceremony at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. In reporting this action, the Grand Master expressed the hope that the Union Jack would be a reminder to the Brethren in the State of Iowa that north of an imaginary line there resides a body of Freemasons anxious for peace and the preservation of brotherly love and truth.

The Grand Master does not view with alarm the decrease in membership which was 3.6% last year. He expressed the opinion that it will likely be several years before we see the flocking to Masonry which occurred during the decade from 1920 to 1930.

The income in the General Fund was slightly over the expenditure for the year. The sum of \$6,351 was transferred to the Benevolent Fund, which now amounts to \$188,000. The sum of \$11,091 was expended on relief during the year. The Committee on the Condition of Masonry, in referring to the loss of members, stated that it was due primarily to the policy of suspending those who, though able, failed to pay their dues. They stated that there was nothing disheartening about this and expressed the opinion that a further pruning to be rid of useless material might safely be made.

M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, Grand Master in the year 1922, passed away during the year. During all his residence in the Province, beginning in 1907, he took a very active interest in Masonry and also took a keen interest in civic and community affairs. He was for years a member of the Calgary School Board. The proceedings contain a memorial to the work of the deceased Brother both as a Mason and as a citizen.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of which M.W. Bro. Selwood was chairman at the time of his death, dedicated the foreword of the review to his memory. In this foreword the services rendered by the deceased Brother are extolled. Much of the work of the review in past years was completed by him and he will be much missed as an able and experienced advisor. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1934 are very fully and kindly reviewed.

ARIZONA

53rd Annual Communication at Prescott, March 13th and 14th, 1935. Grand Master, James Whetstine. Lodges, 38. Members, 5,868. Loss, 302. A Special Communication was held at Clifton on January 30th, 1935, for the purpose of conducting the funeral of M.W. Bro. James S. Cromb, Past Grand Master. The proceedings contain a memorial to this distinguished Brother. 17 Past Grand Masters were

present at the Annual Communication and 38 subordinate Lodges were represented. 44 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and made reference in his address to the "wonderful addresses made and the general discussion of Masonic subjects and problems common to all Grand Jurisdictions," and is of the opinion that the Conference is of great benefit to the Craft.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed a surplus in the year's operations. Fifty-year buttons were presented to Masons who were members of Arizona Lodges and who received their degrees fifty or more years ago.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro and the Grand Lodge of the Three Rings of Prague, Czecho-Slovakia.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Lloyd C. Henning, Past Grand Master. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1934 are very kindly and fully reviewed. There are quotations from the address of the Grand Master and a reference to the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry. Special reference is made to the remarks of the Grand Master on the subject of Masonry teaching a way of life. The review of the Saskatchewan proceedings was prepared by Bro. J. K. Chilton, the Grand Representative of Saskatchewan, and this appears to be the practice of all Grand Representatives. It would be most appropriate if the practice could be followed in other Jurisdictions.

ARKANSAS

94th Annual Communication at Little Rock, November 19th and 20th, 1935. Grand Master, James B. Bunn. Lodges, 463. Members, 23,497. In so far as the writer can discover, there is no record of gain or loss in membership stated in the proceedings. Three emergent communications were held during the year for the purpose of laying the corner stones of public buildings and churches. One new Lodge was instituted. 12 Past Grand Masters were present at the Annual Communication. The Grand Secretary read the roll of deceased Past Grand Masters, after which a prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master commended the sympathetic manner in which the Lodges had handled the matter of delinquent dues and hoped that the attitude towards the question would continue.

The Grand Master visited the Masonic Homes in Tennessee, North Carolina and Mississippi during the year and expressed the opinion that the Masonic Home in Arkansas compares favourably with all those visited by him.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington. He thinks the Conference indispensable to the proper understanding of Masonry in its national and international aspects. A variety of subjects was discussed, all of which tend to broaden one's vision and enable every Grand Master to meet local home conditions with strength and resolution.

The Grand Master referred to the fact that M.W. Bro. T. C. Humphrey, who is the Dean of Past Grand Masters, was elected Grand Master in 1885, just 50 years ago. He stated that the outstanding event of the year was the 50th anniversary of Bro. Humphrey as Grand Master, and that he had arranged a program in his honour to be held during the session. In the evening a banquet was held in honour of Bro. Humphrey at which he was presented with a

gold watch and chain. The proceedings contain a portrait of the distinguished Brother.

The Grand Secretary reported 17 charters either arrested or surrendered during the year. The charters arrested were because the Lodges had become inactive, and those surrendered voluntarily were because of the removal of members from the Jurisdiction of the Lodge or because of a desire to merge with another Lodge.

There was expended on the Masonic Orphans' Home and School the sum of about \$25,500, and the revenue for maintenance was about \$27,500. At the close of the year there were 106 children in the Home.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that the recognition which had been granted many years ago to the Grand Orient of Brazil be withdrawn. This recommendation was adopted.

At the banquet given in honour of M.W. Bro. Humphrey, the Grand Orator, Bro. J. T. Coston, delivered an address on "The Spirit of Masonry" in which he emphasized the high ideals of the Order. He spoke of the evils in the social conditions of America, referring particularly to the divorce evil, and asked whether America was "going on the rocks" in the divorce courts. Referring to the ideals of Masonry, he stated that it strengthens friendship, man and man and encouraged deeds of kindness and charity.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

64th Annual Communication at New Westminster, June 20th and 21st, 1935. Grand Master, George L. Cassady. Lodges, 116. Members, 14,423. Loss, 393. 15 Past Grand Masters were present and 39 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by M.W. Bro. H. B. Morley. A distinguished visitor was M.W. Bro. John T. Wood, Grand Master of Idaho. 111 constituent Lodges were represented. The Grand Master stated that harmony prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction and that the welfare of the Craft is assured, and that the officers of the various Lodges were discharging their duties faithfully and well. He made a fitting reference to the death of M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, for many years Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. He also referred to a visit to the Grand Lodge of M.W. Bro. T. W. Sutherland, the Grand Master of Saskatchewan, and to the pleasure given to the Brethren of British Columbia by the presence of the Grand Master of one of the Grand Lodges of Western Canada. He spoke of the co-operation shown by M.W. Bro. L. Baldrey, the Grand Master of Washington, in visiting several of the Lodges in British Columbia. In return for these kindly visits the Grand Master visited several Lodges in the State of Washington. This interchange of visits is a continuance of the very friendly feeling existing between these two Jurisdictions on the Pacific Coast.

The finances appear to be in sound position. There is a balance in the General Account exceeding \$6,800, although the expenditure for the year was slightly in excess of the revenue. The Benevolent Fund amounts to \$387,000 and there was expended on relief during the year \$13,520, which was \$2,625 less than the revenue from the fund.

The Grand Historian, M.W. Bro. R. L. Reid, referred to the passing of two Past Grand Masters during the year, M.W. Bro. Angus McKeown, Grand Master in 1890-91, and M.W. Bro. William Downie, Grand Master in 1891-92. He gave an outline of the life

and work of each of these distinguished Brethren and paid tribute to the services rendered by each of them to Masonry.

The Grand Historian also gave a very interesting account of the formation of Victoria Lodge No. 1085 on the Grand Register of England. This Lodge was the forerunner of Victoria Columbia Lodge No. 1 on the Register of British Columbia and was the pioneer of organized Freemasonry on the Pacific Coast.

A cablegram was ordered to be sent to His Majesty King George V congratulating him on having attained the twenty-fifth year of his reign and expressing the loyalty of the Freemasons of British Columbia to his throne and person.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, the Grand Secretary. As usual the review is a most comprehensive and useful one. Among the Jurisdictions reviewed is Saskatchewan for 1934. Reference is made to the death of the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. M. A. MacKay, and the address of the Grand Master is extensively quoted, with particular reference to his statements as to the duties owed to the Lodges by the older members of the Fraternity. The devotion to duty of the District Deputy Grand Masters is commented upon and their apparent appreciation of the importance of their work. The resolution passed with respect to the name of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario is referred to and the hope expressed that it may have some effect.

CALIFORNIA

86th Annual Communication at San Francisco, October 8th to 11th, 1935. Grand Master, Randolph V. Whiting. Lodges, 578. Members, 129,326. Loss, 3,005. 17 Past Grand Masters were present and 571 constituent Lodges were represented. The devotional service was conducted by Reverend Herbert P. Shaw, the Grand Chaplain. The Grand Master reported that his many visitations had convinced him that the Fraternity is strong and healthy notwithstanding the distressing times and that the spirit of Masonry is virile and active in all the Lodges. The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and was elected chairman of the Conference and presided over its sessions. He found the Conference interesting and instructive and well worth while for the discussions of the many Masonic problems which are common to all Jurisdictions.

Several Special Communications were held during the year for the purpose of laying the corner stones of public buildings and Masonic Temples.

The Grand Master stated that the general industrial improvement had resulted in financial progress in the Lodges. In many Lodges collections have shown a marked increase. Throughout the year he advised that great leniency be shown to members who had fallen in arrears with their dues.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to objectionable activities on the part of organizations which prescribed membership in a Blue Lodge as a requisite of membership in the organizations. He instanced games of chance to raise funds, improper use of intoxicating liquor, and the staging of indecent performances. In this connection he referred to the Shrine and the action taken by the Grand Master in another Jurisdiction in putting on trial individual members who were responsible for the activities and having them expelled. He thinks this is not the effective way of dealing with such matters, for the whole organization is responsible and not merely those who conducted the objectional activity. He recom-

mended that the whole organization which permits the activity should be put under the ban and that all Master Masons be forbidden to join or remain members of it.

The Grand Master spoke of the home for children at Covenia and for the old people at Decoto, and suggested that the Lodges take a greater interest in the welfare of those entrusted to the care of the homes. In the Decoto home there are 363 residents, and in the home at Covenia, 157.

In addresses delivered during the year the Grand Master took as his main theme subjects allied to patriotism and government, and referred to subversive organizations which are opposed to and violently attack principles fundamental to Masonry. He made particular reference to the Communist Party of America and referred to the findings of a Committee of the House of Representatives in 1931 in reporting upon the Communist Party.

The total loss in membership for the last four years is 27,889, of which 15,336 were by suspensions for non-payment of dues.

Fifty-year buttons are presented to veteran members. 96 buttons were presented during the year, making a total of 1,088 since 1929. The oldest veteran is Leonidas Summy of Enterprise Lodge No. 70, who has been a Mason for 61 years.

The Grand Lodge per capita tax is \$1.75—50 cents for the expenses of Grand Lodge, 50 cents for the building fund of the Masonic homes, and 75 cents for the maintenance of the homes. Only four Lodges failed to pay their Grand Lodge dues, whereas in the preceding year there were 36.

CANADA IN ONTARIO

80th Annual Communication at Hamilton, July 17th and 18th, 1935. Grand Master, Frank A. Copus. Lodges, 568. Members, 105,162. Loss, 3,725. Four Past Grand Masters were present and 46 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. The Mayor of the City of Hamilton, Bro. H. E. Wilton, extended the welcome of the City to Grand Lodge and the Grand Master replied. Among the distinguished visitors were the Grand Masters of Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta and Massachusetts.

An address of welcome was read by W. Bro. George McQueen, President of the Past Masters' Association of the 33 Lodges in the Hamilton District.

The Grand Master referred to the many panaceas which are suggested for the ills of the world and stated that men can find their permanent happiness only as they predicate their relations with each other on the thought that God is our loving Father and that all of us, because of that common Fatherhood, are brothers. He stated that last year he expressed the opinion that the first rays of a better day were upon the horizon but that to-day he found that his words were little more than a promise, for there was still much unemployment and distress.

Reference was made to the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty King George V, and the Grand Master reported that a suitable address had been forwarded to His Majesty on behalf of the Masons of Ontario. A contribution of \$1,000 was made on behalf of Grand Lodge to the Silver Jubilee Cancer Fund.

The economic difficulties are reflected in the balance sheet and also in the loss in membership. The Grand Treasurer reported that a small portion of the securities was in default as to interest. In referring to the loss in membership the Grand Master stated that

there had been a satisfactory number of candidates and that the loss was due to suspensions which he much regretted and hoped that many of the Brethren would be able shortly to resume active membership in the Craft.

Fitting reference was made by the Grand Master to the death of M.W. Bro. E. T. Malone who was the Dean of Past Masters. A letter containing a tribute to the life and work of the distinguished Brother was addressed by the Grand Master to all constituent Lodges.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges and these Brethren stood at the Altar where they were received and addressed by the Grand Master.

There was spent, on benevolence during the year, the sum of \$118,425, and the amount expended by the Lodges was \$130,000, a total of \$248,425.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton. As usual, Bro. Ponton's review is very thorough and of a most interesting and instructive character. 57 Jurisdictions are reviewed among them Saskatchewan for 1934. The address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, is extensively quoted and reference is made to the report of the trustees of the Benevolent Fund and also to the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

COLORADO

75th Annual Communication at Denver, September 17th and 18th, 1935. Lodges, 147. Members, 31,091. Loss, 795. 16 Past Grand Masters were present and 136 Lodges were represented. 53 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. Caspar S. Dosh.

Three Special Communications were held during the year for the purpose of laying corner stones of public buildings. The Grand Master visited 85 Lodges officially and 14 unofficially during his year of office. In 1934 this Grand Lodge remitted the dues of the Lodges to the amount of 50% of the sum paid in 1933. As a result the revenue for 1934 was much reduced and it was found necessary to dispose of some of the securities.

The Grand Master reported that he found the Craft in a thrifty condition and was much pleased with the position of the Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction. Not a single Lodge is delinquent in the payment of its dues.

R.W. Bro. Benjamin C. Hilliard, the Grand Orator, delivered an address on the subject, "The Gentle Spirit of Freemasonry."

The review of correspondence is by Bro. Stanley C. Warner. In a foreword Bro. Warner refers to the facts in connection with the China situation and the action of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, England, Ireland and Scotland in severing fraternal relations from the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. He expresses the opinion that it is strictly the business of any Grand Lodge to hold fraternal relations with the Grand Lodges of its choice and that this is no concern of any other Grand Lodge. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1934 are very kindly referred to with references to the addresses of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, and to the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

CONNECTICUT

147th Annual Communication at Hartford, February 6th and 7th, 1935. Grand Master, James E. Brinckerhoff. Lodges, 128. Members,

39,762. Loss, 1,910. 17 Past Grand Masters were present and 128 Lodges were represented. Distinguished visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Maine, District of Columbia, Delaware, Rhode Island, Vermont, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

The Grand Master referred to the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut 100 years ago and to the then Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Leonard Hendee, who was elected Junior Warden in 1831, the year of the anti-Masonic agitation. In 1831 no roll of representatives was recorded and the Grand Officers declined election. In the year 1832, however, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut made public the principles of the Order and the purposes of the Institution. I quote a portion of the declaration because of the importance of the principles enunciated:

"Freemasonry secures its members in the freedom of thought and of speech, and permits each and every one to act according to the dictates of his own conscience in the matters of religion and his personal preferences in politics. It neither knows, nor does it assume to inflict upon its members, however wide may be their aberrations from duty, any penalties or punishments other than Admonition, Suspension and Expulsion. The obligations of the Institution require of its members a strict obedience to the laws of God and man, and so far from being bound by any engagements inconsistent with the happiness and prosperity of the nation, every citizen who becomes a Mason is doubly bound to be true to his God, to his country, and to his fellow man."

The Grand Master was much impressed with the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington, stating that it was indispensable to the proper understanding of Masonry in its national and international aspects. He especially referred to the address given by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Wilson, Grand Master of North Carolina, on the recognition of foreign Grand Lodges. He also referred to an address given by Ernest L. Marvin, Grand Master of Montana, on the subject of "Educational Programs for Lodges or Larger Groups," and stated that as a result of this address he called together the Committee on Masonic Education of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and laid plans for the carrying out of a program of Masonic education among the Lodges.

The Grand Master made extended reference to the Masonic Home, referring to it as "a monument to labor, fidelity and untiring effort." He stated that eight-ninths of the revenue of Grand Lodge are devoted to the maintenance of the Home and stressed the need of every Lodge setting aside a portion of its revenue for local relief in order to relieve the necessity of entrance to the Home. On December 31st, 1934, there were 208 inmates in the Home and 97 in the Hospital. In addition 69 were being maintained outside the Home.

Among the recommendations made by the Grand Master was the adoption of standards of recognition for foreign Grand Lodges.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. George A. Kies. In a foreword reference is made to the loss of members in the Grand Lodges of the United States and Brother Kies states that he does not feel the slightest alarm at the loss. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1934 are very kindly reviewed with references to the report of the Committee on Masonic Education and to the review of the Connecticut proceedings of last year. Along with the proceedings there has come the 45th Annual Report of the Masonic Charity

Foundation. The Endowment Fund amounts to \$461,000 and there are capital assets valued at \$918,000.

COSTA RICA

The annual proceedings for 1934 of this Grand Lodge have been received but as they are in the Spanish language they cannot be dealt with in detail. The Grand Master for 1935 is Emiliano Castro Castro, and the Grand Secretary is George F. A. Bowden. There appear to be seven Lodges in this Jurisdiction.

DELAWARE

130th Annual Communication at Wilmington, October 2nd, 1935. Grand Master, William O. Wingate. Lodges, 22. Members, 5,734. Loss, 84. Three Special Communications were held during the year for the purpose of laying corner stones of public schools. 20 Past Grand Masters were present at the Annual Communication. 59 Grand Jurisdictions were represented and 21 out of the 22 Lodges were represented. Saskatchewan was represented by Bro. John F. Robinson.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master. In reporting the Conference to Grand Lodge he referred in detail to the important subjects discussed and stated that the Conference is both educational and inspirational, and thinks that the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and Foreign Correspondent should attend. At the conclusion of the Conference the delegates were received by the President of the United States.

The Grand Master is convinced of the correctness of the decision of some years ago to adopt means of educating the Brethren through educational programs concerning the history, tradition, symbols and philosophy of Masonry and the consequent increased appreciation of the beauties of the ancient Institution and its influence on the advance of civilization.

The Grand Secretary reported the payment from all Lodges of Grand Lodge dues, Masonic Home dues and Scholarship dues. The expenditure for the year was kept within the budget and a small balance remained in the treasury.

There are 29 residents in the Masonic Home. The revenue for the year was \$17,800 and the expenditure on the Home amounted to about \$18,000, there being a small deficit in operation. The Home has an endowment of about \$125,000 and the total assets are valued at \$285,000.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported several applications for recognition from Central and South America but are of the opinion that fraternal recognition will not suffer by delay. The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Thomas J. Day, P.G.M. 56 Jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan for 1935. There is a reference to the address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. T. W. Sutherland and his remarks to the effect that the world needs what Masonry is pledged to accomplish. Reference is also made to the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and to the 21st Annual Report of the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Tate.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

125th Annual Communication at Washington, December 18th and 19th, 1935. Grand Master, Robert S. Regar. Lodges, 49. Members, 20,486. Loss, 183. A Special Communication was held on April

the 13th, 1935, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Past Grand Master Sydney R. Jacobs. The proceedings contain a memorial to this distinguished Brother and also to M.W. Bro. William G. Henderson, who passed away on December 24th, 1934. A Special Communication was also held on September 26th, 1935, for the purpose of conducting the funeral of Past Grand Master Augustus B. Coolidge. 11 Past Grand Masters were present at the Annual Communication and among the distinguished visitors were M.W. Bro. Thomas W. Hooper, Grand Master of Virginia, and M.W. Bro. William M. Brown, Past Grand Master of Virginia.

In speaking of the condition of the Fraternity the Grand Master stated that while the returns do not show a gain in membership there was a very material reduction in the loss. The number of reinstatements had increased and the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues was only 602 as compared with 1,102 the preceding year. The net loss was only 183.

The financial position of the Lodges appears to be good and their total assets increased during the year by a substantial sum.

The Grand Master expressed the opinion that commendable progress had been made in the general use of "The Lodge System of Masonic Education." He reminded the Masters of the Lodges that the system is mandatory and he urged Lodge Masters to give careful attention to the membership of the Lodge committees on education.

In concluding his address the Grand Master referred to test of the times and to the loyalty shown by Masons as follows:

"The period of the depression, spiritual as well as financial, has been a period of challenge to Freemasonry. It has been a test to the strength of the ties which bound the Brethren to the Craft. The challenge has been met, and been met gloriously. They have passed the test and are emerging from the 'Slough of Despond' with every manifestation of unabated loyalty—loyalty to Masonry and its principles, and, equally important, loyalty to our Government and its ideals. The true Mason, and that ever means the true American citizen, cannot fail to have viewed with misgivings the evidences of disloyalty to our country which have been manifested on many occasions and in many parts of our Country."

A motion was passed fixing the per capita tax for the maintenance of the Masonic Home at one dollar for the ensuing year.

A letter was received from one of the Brethren asking that Grand Lodge authorize the appointment of a committee to investigate the whole subject of Communism and that the committee report to a special session of Grand Lodge to be held in March. The letter was referred to the incoming Grand Master.

In the Masonic and Eastern Star Home there were 117 residents at the end of the year, 76 adults and 41 children. The total receipts for the year amounted to \$76,000 and the cost of maintenance was \$82,000.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. James A. West. In a very interesting foreword Bro. West refers to the condition of the Craft, pointing out that there is improvement and that, while losses continue, they are on the whole much smaller. He also refers to Grand Lodge finances, extraneous organizations, supervision of building projects, the use of Masonic influence in politics and business and several other interesting subjects. Among the proceedings reviewed are those of Saskatchewan for 1935, which are given very kindly reference.

ENGLAND

The following is a synopsis of the report submitted by R.W. Bro. J. Obed Smith, our Representative near the United Grand Lodge of England:

I am privileged again to tender my annual report as your Representative near the Grand Lodge of England for your consideration and acceptance, and I hope the benign influence in your great province that derives from your Grand Lodge will long continue.

There are some occasions to be noted with joy but for the most part my report this year indicates several great and irretrievable losses to our great Brotherhood.

The Jubilee of the late King George the Fifth, our beloved sovereign, was the occasion of a triumph for him through the Capital of the Empire when a wealth of affection and dutiful concern was showered upon him. The extraordinary tributes paid to his worth as a sovereign, coming from all other nations, has left the British people mindful that only a great and good man could have called them forth. It was fitting that the Grand Lodge of England should be among the first to tender a loyal and dutiful address to His Majesty who, though not a member of our Craft, had been Patron of our great Masonic charities and in person had opened our new Freemasons' Hospital near London, and then bestowed the present title of Royal Masonic Hospital. Never perhaps has there been an occasion of such universal affection from people to Sovereign and from a King to those he was called up to direct and rule, as was shown to our late King on his Silver Jubilee.

During the year we have to lament the death of Lord Ampthill for so many years our Pro Grand Master and one loved and respected by all. Personally I recall him installing me as Master of Canada Lodge in London with that dignity that only Lord Ampthill possessed in Masonic matters. It was said of him in the Grand Lodge of England: "He was a man who never deviated one inch from what he thought was right, and followed that course throughout his life." I have known no man who had a more devoted wife or more devoted children. Sorrow had touched his life we know but it never embittered him, and when we send our heartfelt sympathy to Lady Ampthill we know full well she deserves it all. Lord Ampthill was a great man in public life, in his conduct of affairs in India, and in his Masonic work. They do not breed many like him in this or any age. He left behind him a great tradition and a sorrowing multitude, and of him it can well be said, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant'.

This was sorrow enough for the Grand Lodge of England but very soon afterwards they were called upon to mourn the death of Lord Cornwallis, the Deputy Grand Master. It was rightly said of him in Grand Lodge, "In every respect he was loved and esteemed by all who knew him." He was a member of the British House of Commons for many years and until his late Majesty called him to the House of Lords. He was Provincial Grand Master for Kent for thirty years and he possessed the gift of being happy and communicating happiness in an eminent degree. To Lady Cornwallis, Grand Lodge sent its most sincere sympathy in a loss which was severe and deep.

The period of mourning ordered by Grand Lodge first for the Pro Grand Master and then extended for Lord Cornwallis expired on April 21st, 1936.

The Grand Master taking these important matters into con-

sideration appointed the husband of the Princess Royal, the Earl of Harewood, to be Pro Grand Master and with due solemnity he was invested and installed. General Sir Francis J. Davies was appointed Deputy Grand Master, and after his installation as such, once again the Executive of the Grand Lodge of England was complete.

Then the British people were called upon to suffer the grievous loss by death of His Majesty King George the Fifth who so short a time before had passed triumphantly through his loving people at his Silver Jubilee. Whereupon a special meeting of Grand Lodge was convened in the Freemasons' Hall in London, at which nearly 1,800 members were present to give expression to that loyalty and affection we all felt for his late Majesty—a man beloved for his unfailing sense of duty and for his simplicity. We are all grateful that his life was spared until the nation had expressed their affection for him and his family. Though not a Mason, King George had all the attributes in a marked degree.

The King is dead, long live the King. Whereupon our well beloved Brother, so highly regarded as the Prince of Wales, became His Majesty King Edward the Eighth whom may God preserve and bless for aye. His Majesty was initiated in 1919, and took a keen interest like his royal Brothers in Freemasonry. It is not expected that in his august position he will remain active in Masonic matters as in the past but he will still live in the hearts of those who have reason to admire his sterling qualities of mind and heart. God save the King, and give to his Royal Mother, Queen Mary, abundant health and consolation. The Grand Lodge has of course presented a loyal and dutiful address to His Majesty the King and to Her Majesty Queen Mary.

The Pro Grand Master in order to remove any doubts expressed has stated in Grand Lodge that the toast "The King and the Craft" may continue to be drunk though His Majesty is a member of the Craft as he considers the toast provides concrete evidence of the loyalty of the Craft to his Throne and Person.

At the quarterly communication of Grand Lodge in March, 1936, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught was again elected as Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge has by agreement assumed control of those English-speaking Lodges in Brazil hitherto working under the Grand Council of Craft Masonry in Brazil. This was consummated by a visit of a deputation appointed by the Grand Master and headed by the Grand Secretary which deputation visited other parts of South America as well as Brazil. It appears that much good has come from such deputations, and is in marked contrast to some other countries where Freemasonry cannot be practised, at any rate for the time being.

To help the Brethren in Quetta, India, whose Masonic Temple was destroyed by an earthquake, the Pro Grand Master asked each Lodge to contribute a guinea and no more. This, with what the Brethren in Quetta can provide, will erect a building that is calculated to withstand such earthshocks in the future.

During the year 75 new Lodges were consecrated, making the total on the Register 4,890 Lodges, and during the same period there were issued over 15,000 Grand Lodge Certificates to new members.

On the occasion of the marriage of Brother His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, the Grand Lodge of England took the

opportunity of offering felicitations accompanied by a suitable gift as in the case of his brother, the Duke of Kent.

I desire to express my appreciation for courtesies extended to me by the Grand Lodge of England.

FLORIDA

106th Annual Communication at Jacksonville, April 16th, 17th and 18th, 1935. Grand Master, Fred W. DeLaney. Lodges, 229. Members, 20,935. Loss, 793. 11 Past Grand Masters were present and 46 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. The Grand Master recommended the appointment of a committee by the incoming Grand Master to meet with the Grand Secretary for the purpose of drafting new forms for the annual returns of Lodges as, in his opinion, the forms in use are too complicated. He also recommended that installation by proxy be prohibited. Both of these recommendations were approved.

Two corner stones were laid during the year, one of a public school at Canal Point, and the other of an armory at Tallahassee.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. Wilber P. Webster, passed away during the year. The Grand Master paid a fitting tribute to the life and work of this distinguished Brother and the proceedings contain a portrait and a page in his memory.

At the last session of Grand Lodge instructions were given for the erection of a monument over the grave of Past Grand Master Richard K. Call, who was Grand Master in 1850. The monument was erected during the year.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed the General Fund in a sound position although there appears to have been a deficit in the year's operations. The Grand Secretary reported that all Lodges except one had made their returns and that all but six had made them in time. In referring to the loss in membership of about 800 he pointed out that last year the loss was 2,462. He also pointed out that suspensions for non-payment of dues in 1934 were 1,557 as compared with 2,636 for 1933.

The Committee on Correspondence reported several applications for recognition but recommended that they all be deferred pending further investigation.

The Trustees of the Masonic Home reported that the Home was caring for 169 members, 48 of whom were non-resident. The Emergency Relief Committee reported an expenditure of \$8,444 in assisting 77 cases.

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. D. Henshaw, now residing in the City of Toronto, Canada, gave an address on "International Masonic Brotherhood." In his address he made reference to the monument erected by the Masons on the shores of Lake Ontario to the century of peace between the two nations.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Wallace R. Cheves, Past Grand Master. In a foreword, Brother Cheves refers to the losses in membership and the effect upon charity commitments. The rush of new members experienced in the years following the Great War he thinks unlikely to occur again and he also feels that it is undesirable. The result will be that charity programmes must in many cases be revised downwards. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1934 are very fully and kindly reviewed. The remarks of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, on "The Permanence of Masonry", are quoted. There is also a reference to the Benevolent Fund and to the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

GEORGIA

149th Annual Communication at Macon, October 29th and 30th, 1935. Grand Master, Eugene D. Thomas. Lodges, 524. Members, 41,736. Loss, 1,565. 8 Past Grand Masters were present and 50 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. The writer observed with regret that the Saskatchewan Representative, Bro. J. T. Lee, passed away during the year.

On St. John's Day, December 27th, 1934, the Craft responded to the request that all Brethren gather in Masonic Lodges at the same hour for the purpose of resuming their obligations as Master Masons. A radio hook-up from the Masonic Temple at Atlanta carried a program to the Lodges throughout the State.

Another decrease in members was reported but the Grand Master was confident that the Craft experienced a spiritual reconsecration during the year and accepted anew the duties of Freemasonry.

The Grand Master referred to the fact that this Communication witnessed the ending of the second century of Georgia Masonry. At the last Communication of Grand Lodge a resolution was adopted that the incoming Grand Master name a Bi-Centennial Commission to raise the necessary funds incident to the celebration of the bi-centennial. It was thought inadvisable, however, to attempt to raise the funds in 1935 and it was recommended that the incoming Grand Master consider the celebration for 1936.

The Grand Master referred to the danger of Communism and stated that he had learned that Communists were endeavouring to plant their disciples and principles in Masonic Lodges. During the year he issued a warning to all Lodges to guard their doors against such foes.

Two Past Grand Masters passed away during the year, M.W. Brothers W. S. Richardson and James D. Manrick. Tributes to the life and work of these distinguished Brethren were paid by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. S. D. Newton.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed the finances for the year in a satisfactory condition. The Trustees of the Masonic Home kept within the appropriation for maintenance. The residents in the Home number 98 and, in addition, 78 were maintained through the Mothers' Aid Fund, which is part of the maintenance fund. There is an Endowment Fund of \$51,000.

There is no review of correspondence.

IDAHO

69th Annual Communication at Boise, September 10th, 11th and 12th, 1935. Grand Master, John T. Wood. Lodges, 81. Members, 9,135. Loss, 327. Among the distinguished visitors were M.W. Bro. H. W. Stanard, Grand Master of Oregon; M.W. Bro. M. D. Rowland, Past Grand Master of Montana, and M.W. Bro. H. B. Morley, Past Grand Master of British Columbia, all of whom briefly addressed the Grand Lodge.

18 Past Grand Masters were present and 76 of the constituent Lodges were represented. The Grand Master expressed the opinion that the situation in Idaho is distinctly encouraging. The Lodges conferred 554 degrees last year as compared with 328 the previous year and the loss in membership was slightly less.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington in February, 1935. He reported that many subjects of general interest were discussed by men of large experience and that the Conference was well worth while. He made special reference

to the paper read by M.W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson, Past Grand Master of New York, on "Masonry in the Changing World," and stated that the paper summarised practically all the problems confronting the Lodges today.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed the financial position of Grand Lodge to be sound. A committee appointed to deal with the matter of Standards of Recognition was, on its request, continued for another year.

The Grand Master issued an edict prohibiting all members of the Masonic Fraternity in Idaho from engaging in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors as a private business, beer and light wines excepted. The prohibition applied to employees as well as employers. The edict was in force from January 1st, 1935, until Grand Lodge should confirm or repeal its decision at the Annual Communication in 1935.

The Committee on Jurisprudence in making its report stated that it recognized the right of the Grand Master to issue the edict concerning the liquor situation. No other reference to the question appears in the proceedings.

ILLINOIS

96th Annual Communication at Chicago, October 8th and 9th, 1935. Grand Master, G. C. Niemeyer. Lodges, 1,002. Members, 228,469. Loss, 15,692. 9 Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Marshal placed the Flag in the East while the Brethren sang "America." Bro. Arthur Mather, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, was introduced by the Grand Master and addressed the Brethren, extending greetings from the Grand Master of Missouri.

The Grand Master reported a general improvement in the condition of the Craft, an increase in initiations, and a decrease in suspension for non-payment of dues. He is of the opinion that the decreasing membership will place the Fraternity upon a more substantial basis.

On account of financial troubles caused in many Lodges through default in building obligations, the Grand Master recommended that no building project be undertaken by a Lodge without the submission of the project to some committee of Grand Lodge and under conditions fully informing the investors that Grand Lodge is not responsible therefor.

The Grand Master made extended reference to the Masonic Homes stating that the Home for the Aged at Sullivan is crowded and accepted applicants are on a waiting list. The Home for Children at LaGrange is, however, not in this condition. The homes have never been maintained on one-half of the Grand Lodge dues set aside for that purpose and with the decreased membership the amount available from this source has steadily diminished. A campaign for endowment funds for both the homes has been instituted.

This Grand Lodge has liquid assets amounting to almost \$1,500,000. In the General Fund there is a surplus of \$610,000, and the Home Endowment Fund is about \$300,000. The maintenance of the Children's Home cost \$105,000 and of the Aged Mason's Home, \$114,000.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported a number

of applications for recognition from European and South American Masonic organizations but advised that because of the disturbed condition of Freemasonry abroad, consideration of the applications be deferred for the present.

A lottery, conducted by Medinah Temple of the Shrine, was ordered abandoned by the Grand Master. The members of the Shrine conducting the lottery refused to obey the order. Expulsion followed, but ten of the twelve concerned petitioned their Lodges for reinstatement and all petitions were favourably acted upon. The Grand Master recommended that all be restored to good standing in the Fraternity.

The Review of Correspondence is by Bro. Elmer C. Beach. In a foreword Bro. Beach refers to the reasons given for loss in numbers as economic difficulties and as indifference or lack of interest. Of these the second is the primary cause and the first secondary, and that lack of means is often used as an excuse. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1934 are very fully and very kindly dealt with.

INDIANA

118th Annual Communication at Indianapolis, May 28th and 29th, 1935. Grand Master, Harry Yeo. Lodges, 555. Members, 113,945. Loss, 3,735. 18 Past Grand Masters were present and 41 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. Saskatchewan was represented by Bro. Harry B. Tuthill. 545 out of the 555 constituent Lodges were represented. Four corner stones were laid during the year and one Masonic Temple was dedicated. In referring to present day conditions and their effect upon the Fraternity the Grand Master stated that he was not pessimistic as to the outcome, nor was he concerned about the possibility of the survival of Masonry, but he is of the opinion that if it is to have the influence in the future which it has exerted in the past, members must devote themselves to the task of promoting the usefulness and increasing the influence of the Fraternity.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington. To him the sessions were intensely interesting and the subjects discussed of very great value to the Craft.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance in the Home Fund of \$213,000. He also made reference to Lodges delinquent in Grand Lodge dues stating that he was proud of the manner in which they had met their obligations. Last year 27 Lodges were in arrears and by May 1st, this year, all arrears had been paid. This year only seven Lodges are delinquent. There were 4,249 suspensions for non-payment of dues and the dues of 6,844 Brethren were remitted.

There is a Masonic Home Endowment Fund of \$571,000. The maintenance of the Home cost \$138,000. On April 30th, 1935, there were 436 persons in the Home, 256 adults and 180 children.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Denmark and the Grand Lodge of Amazonas and Acre, Brazil, but advised delay in the application of the Grand Lodge of Palestine, the Grand Lodge of Germany in exile, and the Grand Lodge of Chihuahua, Mexico.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Elmer F. Gay. Bro. Gay presents an interesting table of statistics showing the loss in members for 1934 in the United States as 160,954, and in Canada, 6,717. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1934 are very kindly

reviewed. The address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, and his tribute to the memory of the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. M. A. MacKay, is extensively quoted.

IOWA

92nd Annual Communication at Cedar Rapids, June 11th and 12th, 1934. Grand Master, Burton H. Saxton. Lodges, 555. Members, 71,398. Loss, 3,422. R.W. Bro. Harry A. Palmer extended a welcome on behalf of the three constituent Lodges of Cedar Rapids. 16 Past Grand Masters were present. Among the distinguished visitors were M.W. Bro. E. G. McKeown, Grand Master of Minnesota, and M.W. Bro. J. E. Campbell, Grand Master of Mexico. Both of these Brethren briefly addressed Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master stated there had been a substantial improvement during the year; there was an increased number of petitions and of reinstatements; the number of suspensions and remissions of dues decreased and there was a decrease in the aggregate amount of Grand Lodge dues outstanding.

In referring to the test experienced by Masonry during the last few years, the Grand Master said:

"I have stated elsewhere that I believe Masonry in this country has, in recent years, been undergoing one of the severest tests in its history; not a test of its ability to survive, as in the early years of the 19th century, but a test of moral fibre—of intellectual integrity—of courage, and of independence of spirit. These are no mere phrases, for they indicate hard-hitting questions which each of us would do well to answer for himself. After all, it comes squarely back to the individual, for Masonry is intensely individualistic—and it is this quality in our Fraternity, as in our nation, that makes possible a wholesome and enduring unity."

Two corner stones were laid during the year and three Lodge halls were dedicated. Travelling libraries were sent to 58 Lodges, the largest number since 1931. The Grand Secretary expressed the opinion that there should be a travelling library in every Lodge room as it would be an important factor in the development and encouragement of Masonic education.

The receipts in the General Fund for the year were \$159,000 and the disbursements \$141,000, showing a surplus of about \$18,000. The Grand Charity Fund amounts to \$671,400, and on May 1st, 1935, not a dollar of the securities was in arrears in either principal or interest.

A very interesting feature was the International Flag Ceremony. In December, 1934, the Grand Master addressed a letter to each Jurisdiction with which Iowa maintains fraternal relations, stating that it was his desire to encourage a Flag ceremony and asking for the Flag of each Jurisdiction and an appropriate message from the Grand Master. 26 Grand Masters sent personal messages and 23 of them sent Flags, among them several Jurisdictions in Canada, including Saskatchewan. These messages were read in Grand Lodge and the proceedings contain a photograph of the ceremony with the Flags all grouped on the platform. This is a new and interesting feature in the proceedings of a Grand Lodge and vividly reminds us of the ties which unite us to foreign Brethren.

A tribute was paid to the memory of M.W. Bro. Louis Block who died on June 3rd, 1935. Bro. Block was actively associated

with the Grand Lodge of Iowa for 30 years and in 1911 was Grand Master. He was Fraternal Correspondent for several years and the forewords to his reviews will long be remembered as containing much information and many gems of Masonic thought. He contributed very widely to Masonic publications.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Louis Block, who died on June 3rd, 1935, a few days before the Annual Communication. In a foreword he states that it is just 40 years ago since he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Since that time he says it has been his privilege to be associated with a company of the great and good but does not know whether he has been of help to them but he does know that they were of great help to him. The various tributes paid to M.W. Bro. Block make it certain that his Brethren were much helped by him and his influence will long endure, not only in Iowa but elsewhere in the Masonic world. The Saskatchewan proceedings for 1934 are very fully and very kindly referred to with a reference to the remarks of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, on Masonic Research work and to the report of the Committee on Masonic Education.

IRELAND

Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore. On December 27th, 1934, the Deputy Grand Master, Raymond F. Brooke, in addressing the Grand Lodge, referred to the disappointment in not having the Grand Master present because of a severe illness which overtook him at Stockholm on his visit to the Grand Lodge of Sweden. He stated, however, that while the Grand Master was not able to be present, he was better but was not yet well enough to travel. The Deputy Grand Master said that nothing had occurred during the year to disturb the harmony of the relations with sister Grand Lodges throughout the world. The outstanding event of the year was the invitation from His Majesty the King of Sweden and the Grand Lodge of Sweden to bring a delegation from the Grand Lodge of Ireland to visit Stockholm. A deputation consisting of the Grand Master and several other Grand Lodge Officers visited Sweden and were entertained with most lavish hospitality. The delegation was shown the working of several of the degrees and were entertained at dinner by His Majesty the King of Sweden, who, at the close of the dinner, presented to the Grand Lodge of Ireland a beautiful silver cup of Swedish design and also honoured the Grand Master by conferring upon him the Order of King Charles XIII. The one unfortunate incident of the visit was the sudden and severe illness which struck the Grand Master on the evening of the arrival at Stockholm and which prevented him from taking any part in the proceedings of the week.

The Deputy Grand Master also referred to the reports from the Provincial Grand Lodges all over the world, all of which show that steady progress is going on and all of which express a hope for better times.

Extended reference was made to the benevolent institutions, the boys' school, the girls' school and the Annuity Fund. The finances have caused some concern and if the work is to be continued as at present, the income must be placed upon a sure basis. The Annuity Fund had more annuitants on its list last year than ever before. The Deputy Grand Master reported that as a result of appeals made there had been a gratifying increase in contributions to the charities as compared with last year.

At the Stated Communication in June reference was made to the fact that the Grand Master had completed 21 years in office and an address of felicitation was presented to him.

The report of the Grand Secretary contains extracts from the reports of the Provincial Grand Masters throughout the world which show the progress being made by the Lodges under the Grand Jurisdiction of Ireland.

IRELAND

Grand Master, The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore. At the Stated Quarterly Communication on March 7th, 1935, a congratulatory resolution was forwarded to His Majesty the King on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee. The resolution assured His Majesty that the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Ireland were second to none in respectful homage and devotion to the Crown. The Home Secretary acknowledged the message on behalf of His Majesty, expressing the deep appreciation of His Majesty for the expression of affection and devotion.

At the Communication of December 7th, 1935, the Grand Secretary referred to the death of Lord Amphil, stating that the Grand Lodge of England had sustained an irreparable loss through his removal. At the October Communication a resolution was forwarded to the Grand Lodge of England expressing the deep sense of loss it had sustained, not only in the death of Lord Amphil, but also in the death of the Deputy Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. Lord Cornwallis. The Grand Master, in his address, referred to the death of M.W. Bro. Curtis Chipman, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. He stated that M.W. Bro. Chipman had been a visitor to Ireland three years ago and again in the summer of 1935. An official communication of sympathy had already been sent to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Reference was made to the event of the year as the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty the King. The visit of five Brethren from the Grand Lodge of Sweden was referred to as the Grand Masonic event of the year. His Majesty the King of Sweden was pleased to accept honorary membership in the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The proceedings contain reports from all the Provincial Grand Lodges in Ireland from those outside, namely, South Africa, the Southern Cape, New Zealand, Rhodesia, Natal and Shanghai.

KANSAS

79th Annual Communication at Wichita, February 20th and 21st, 1935. Grand Master, James A. Cassler. Lodges, 448. Members, 65,480. Loss, 3,800. 20 Past Grand Masters were present and 53 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. 298 constituent Lodges were represented. The Grand Master referred to the Masonic Home as the pride of Kansas Masons. Due to the depression the Home family has greatly increased in numbers and every available facility is being utilised to extend its care of deserving applicants. The Endowment Fund takes care of 25% of the expense of the Home and the Grand Master spoke of the need of increasing the Fund to the object of having it meet the entire cost of maintenance. The maintenance of the Home for 1934 cost \$162,000. The Endowment Fund amounts to \$611,000. There are 318 residents in the Home.

The Grand Master spoke of the soliciting of support for election to office in a subordinate Lodge or the Grand Lodge and stated that the practice was not Masonic and should not be countenanced. A

Masonic office should go as a reward for faithful service and not as something obtained as the result of solicitation.

Reference was made to distressed Lodges as the outgrowth of two causes, impaired finances and indifferent membership. The Grand Master is of the opinion that every available means should be adopted to render assistance to such Lodges and during the year the Grand Lecturer was sent to visit all of them and the results attained appear to have been satisfactory.

Two Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held during the year for the purpose of laying corner stones, one of a school at Bonner Springs, and the other of a church at Conway Springs.

The Grand Master reported that while some Lodges were suffering financially the great majority were not and as an indication of the prosperity that prevailed among many of the Lodges he instanced the fact that during the year seven building permits were issued.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed the General Account in a sound position. A number of the Lodges are delinquent in Grand Lodge dues, 34 not having paid the dues for 1934. In all there are \$12,000 of arrears.

The review of correspondence is by R.W. Bro. Albert K. Wilson, the Grand Secretary. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1933 are very kindly reviewed with extensive reference to the address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly.

KANSAS

80th Annual Communication at Topeka, February 19th and 20th, 1936. Grand Master, Otto R. Souders. Lodges, 448. Members, 63,820. Loss, 2,104. 20 Past Grand Masters were present and 267 Lodges were represented. 181 Lodges had no representation. The Grand Representatives present were introduced and welcomed by the Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master, in speaking of the need for the application of Masonic principles, said in part:

"From observation, I am convinced that the principles and teachings of our Fraternity accomplish results in the lives of men. That those who will permit the principles of Masonry to become an active factor in their thinking and a guide to their actions, will inevitably be better citizens, better fathers, and better men. If Masonry does not do these things it has missed its purpose. The great trouble is to get the members to actually adopt and use these principles."

With reference to the presentation of 50-year buttons, the Grand Master stated that this has been one of the most enjoyable of his duties. Among those he presented were five to Past Grand Masters. In all, 170 of these buttons have been presented.

The Grand Master officiated at the laying of corner stones for three public buildings. Considerable difficulty appears to have been caused the Grand Master and other officers of Grand Lodge in attending meetings in various parts of the State while dust storms were in progress. In his address the Grand Master gave a very interesting description of the difficulties experienced while driving through these storms.

As to the condition of Masonry, the Grand Master is very hopeful. He stated that the outlook is better than it has been for seven years. While there was still a loss in membership, a large number of petitions were received and there were 940 restorations. There

also appears to be an improved morale and feeling in most of the Lodges.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the General Fund and the Charity Fund in a sound financial position.

The Grand Secretary reported that the Lodges were making a special effort to pay current dues. A comparatively few Lodges are in arrears, the total outstanding being about \$11,000.

There was expended on the maintenance of the Masonic Home \$97,900, and there is an Endowment Fund of \$616,900. There were 323 residents in the Home in 1935, and the annual per capita cost for maintenance was \$303.30.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that several applications from Grand Lodges in Brazil be held for further information. The same recommendation was made with respect to a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Colombia at Bogota, and also from the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported on the question of life membership, stating that there was an approved ruling to the effect that a Lodge should not exempt any member from the payment of dues, or make those who had paid their dues for a number of years in advance life members, and that this ruling was a part of the law of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Albert K. Wilson. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1935 are very fully and very kindly referred to. There is a lengthy quotation from the address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. T. W. Sutherland, and also a reference to the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

KENTUCKY

135th Annual Communication at Louisville, October 15th and 16th, 1935. Grand Master, Hebbert Henderson. Lodges, 534. Members, 44,017. Loss, 1,800. 26 Past Grand Masters were present. M.W. Bro. James D. Black, the oldest Past Grand Master, was presented to Grand Lodge and briefly addressed the Brethren. Two Past Grand Masters passed away during the year, M.W. Bro. James N. Saunders, Grand Master in 1916, and M.W. Bro. William W. Clarke, Grand Master in 1884. The Grand Master paid a fitting tribute to the life and work of these distinguished Brethren.

In referring to the loss in membership the Grand Master stated that in 1935 it was just half what it was in 1934, and he predicted an improvement for the year 1936, expressing the opinion that there will be a gain reported. Two charters were arrested during the year and three were surrendered. The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington in February, 1935. In reporting to Grand Lodge he gave a detailed statement of the subjects discussed at the Conference and said that much interest was taken in all of them.

The Grand Master sent messages to all the Lodges on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. He also addressed an Easter message to them all.

Five years ago Grand Lodge decided to expend \$55,000 over a five-year period to assist in the education of boys and girls leaving the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home. For this, the last year, it was reported that \$3,000 additional is necessary so that the total amount expended is \$58,000.

The foreign correspondent, M.W. Bro. M. W. Clarke, who died during the year, had performed the duties of correspondent for 30

years. He has been succeeded by Bro. Ray G. Tipton, by whom a portion of the reviews have been prepared this year. In a foreword Bro. Tipton pays a tribute to the work of the deceased Past Grand Master. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1934 are very fully and very kindly referred to.

LOUISIANA

124th Annual Communication at New Orleans, February 4th, 5th and 6th, 1935. Grand Master, Milton W. Boylan. Lodges, 259. Members, 22,104. Loss, 1,912. Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present and 207 constituent Lodges were represented. Among the distinguished visitors present were Dr. Wm. M. Brown, Grand Master of Virginia, and Woodlief M. Thomas, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. Both of these Brethren addressed Grand Lodge.

The report of the Grand Master indicates that he spent an exceptionally busy year and was engaged almost continuously in carrying out the duties devolving upon him as Grand Master.

There are 103 children in the Masonic Home. The income of the Home for the year was \$30,424 and the expenses \$28,574.

The Grand Master of Virginia, Dr. William M. Brown, in addressing Grand Lodge, drew attention to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Virginia is the oldest Grand Lodge in America. It was established under the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Ireland and was organized immediately after the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, 1777-78.

The loss in membership is due mainly to suspensions but there were 100 less suspensions than in the previous year, while reinstatements increased from 382 to 632. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Honduras. As to an application, however, from the Grand Lodge National of France, it recommended that action be deferred.

M.W. Bro. Philip Lieber was elected Grand Master for 1935-36.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Edmund F. Gayle. 54 Jurisdictions are reviewed, but among them there is no review of the Saskatchewan Proceedings.

MAINE

116th Annual Communication at Portland, May 7th and 8th, 1935. Grand Master, Clark D. Chapman. Lodges, 207. Members, 39,001. Loss 1,720. Eight out of 9 living Past Grand Masters were present and 195 out of 207 constituent Lodges were represented. Among the distinguished visitors were M.W. Bro. Malcolm A. Campbell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and representatives of the Grand Lodges of Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts. 52 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. Ashley A. Smith.

In speaking of the condition of Masonry the Grand Master gave a very interesting review of the periods of prosperity and adversity in the history of Masonry, stating that such periods have followed one another with regularity. He referred to the rapid increase in membership during the Civil War and the disadvantages felt after the War. He also spoke of the increase during the World War and of the membership increasing from 32,456 to 42,556 from 1918 to 1924, an increase of 10,000 in six years. Since the period of depression began, however, the number has decreased to 39,001. The

Grand Master is of the opinion, however, that we have now entered upon a period of renewed interest and prosperity and that the number of members is not a true barometer of the condition of the Fraternity.

The finances of many of the constituent Lodges are in a better position than a year ago, a much increased number having kept their expenses within their revenue.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and thinks the benefit of this Conference cannot be over-estimated. The subjects discussed were important and all pertinent to the present situation of Masonry in the country.

Concluding his address the Grand Master gave a very interesting statement as to Masonry and its teachings. He referred to the lack of interest as due to the inadequate knowledge of the Institution, to general economic conditions, and to changes in modern life brought about by the automobile, the moving picture and the radio. The problem today is to provide adequate knowledge to the members and revive the interest.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed the General Fund in sound financial position although there was a deficit in the year's operations.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence in referring to the applications for recognition from several Grand Lodges in Brazil expressed the opinion that these Grand Lodges ought to be recognized by the Grand Lodge of Maine in the future but advised that the applications be deferred for further investigation. The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Ashley A. Smith. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1934 are very fully reviewed. Reference is made to the address of the Grand Master, N. R. Craig, and the introduction of Masonic dramas as a means of education and interest is commended. Fraternal sympathy is extended in the death of the Deputy Grand Master, Murdoch Angus MacKay. The writer thanks M.W. Bro. Smith for his kindly personal reference and for his good wishes for the success of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

MANITOBA

60th Annual Communication at Winnipeg, June 12th and 13th, 1935. Grand Master, Henry L. Adolph. Lodges, 106. Members, 11,342. Loss, 357. An Emergent Communication was held at Winnipeg on March 12th, 1935, for the purpose of attending the funeral of M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, the Grand Secretary.

14 Past Grand Masters were present at the Annual Communication, and 49 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. The Grand Representatives were duly received and welcomed by the Grand Master. Among the distinguished visitors were R.W. Bro. Charles L. Pollock, Grand Junior Warden of North Dakota, and M.W. Bro. Frank J. Burd, Past Grand Master of British Columbia.

The Grand Master made a fitting reference to the death of M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, who was Grand Master in 1890 and became Grand Secretary in 1900, continuing in that office until his death on March 12th, 1935. A memorial was forwarded to each constituent Lodge and this memorial appears in the Proceedings, together with a full page photograph of this distinguished Brother who served the Grand Lodge of Manitoba faithfully and well for many years.

The 70th anniversary of the introduction of Masonry into Manitoba was fittingly observed. Northern Light Lodge, under dispensa-

tion from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, first met on November 8th, 1864.

The Grand Master made a lengthy reference to a Conference of Representatives of the four Western Provinces held in Calgary, May 9th and 10th, 1935. There was a lengthy program covering subjects of common interest and the Grand Master recommended to the incoming Grand Master consideration of the desirability of future conferences.

One new Lodge was consecrated during the year, that at the town of Carman, known as Carman Lodge No. 155.

The Committee on Foreign Relations recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings at Prague. They stated, however, as to applications for recognition from certain Grand Lodges in Brazil, that the situation in that country is not yet sufficiently clear to justify further extension of fraternal relations and that their enquiries were being continued.

The Committee on Benevolence disbursed \$12,017 during the year. The income in the General Fund was \$12,070, and the total disbursements were \$13,016.

The review of correspondence is by R.W. Bro. H. W. Kerr. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1934 are very kindly reviewed. There is a reference to the remarks of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, on the permanence of Masonry and its dependence on the basic soundness and eternal truths of the principles upon which it is founded. There is also a reference to the report of the Committee on Masonic Education and to the review of correspondence of last year.

MARYLAND

Grand Master, George W. Livingston. Lodges, 123. Members, 30,606. Loss, 201. The Semi-Annual Communication was held on May 21st, 1935, at Baltimore. The Deputy Grand Master opened Grand Lodge and the Grand Master was escorted into the Lodge by the Grand Director of Ceremonies. A distinguished guest was the Governor of the State of Maryland, the Honourable Harry W. Nice. 122 Lodges were represented. The Proceedings contain a very nice picture of the entrance of the Masonic Temple in Baltimore.

The Grand Master reported that the majority of the Lodges were in a healthy financial condition and that this was particularly true of the Lodges which adhered to the rule with respect to the collection of dues and which insisted on all who were able paying their dues.

The Grand Master gave expression to many beautiful thoughts concerning Masonry. Among the many we quote the following:

"Let us not regard Masonry as a mere pastime, but as an aid to the highest development of man; that, like every other blessing, it derives its value from its practical use; that he who bears no Masonic fruit is unworthy the name of Mason; that the best service you can render to Masonry is practice of its tenets. Make the most of life; that life is longest which bears the most good fruit. Aim to do well every duty that crowds your pathway. Control self. Be men of decision and rectitude, and last, but not least, love God and your fellowmen. The beautiful symbolic degrees of Masonry can have but one effect upon the members—to elevate their minds, purify their thoughts and to give them the most exalted ideas of the Infinite Being from whom all earthly blessings flow."

On April 9th, 1935, the Past Junior Grand Warden, J. Roscoe Wheatley, was suddenly called, having met death in an automobile accident. The Grand Master paid a fine tribute to the life of the distinguished Brother.

The 149th Annual Communication was held in Baltimore on November 19th, 1935. 122 Lodges were represented. Among the distinguished guests were Thomas W. Hooper, Grand Master of Virginia; John H. Cowles, Past Grand Master of Kentucky; Harris Samonisky, Grand Master of Delaware, and Robert S. Regar, Grand Master of the District of Columbia.

The Grand Secretary reported an increase in the number of affiliations and reinstatements over the previous year of about 30%, which he considered most encouraging.

The Board of Relief reported 63 cases brought to their attention during the year. The Masonic Home, which has been in operation for one and one-half years, has 44 residents. The Grand Master stated that every Mason in Maryland should be gratified that the Fraternity has given him an opportunity of participating in the maintenance of the Institution. There is an Endowment Fund of \$171,000.

There is no review of correspondence.

MASSACHUSETTS

Grand Master, Curtis Chipman. Lodges, 329. Members, 114,412. Loss, 4,404. Quarterly Communications were held in March, June, September and December, 1934, and a stated communication on December 27th, 1934. At the Quarterly Communication in March, M.W. Bro. Arthur D. Prince, the representative of the United Grand Lodge of England, was escorted into the Lodge room by the Grand Marshal and presented with his commission. The Grand Master welcomed him and expressed satisfaction that he had been appointed to represent the Mother Grand Lodge.

In his address the Grand Master gave an account of his travels during the three months previous which had taken him from the tropics to the ice and snow of Quebec and he stated that everywhere he found a spirit of enthusiasm for the Order. He attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and said that the agenda was the most important yet presented for discussion. He thinks that the associations in the Conference are most valuable for the interchange of ideas.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland presented the Grand Master with an honorary membership, an honour which the Grand Master appreciated as "A generous and gracious gesture to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts."

At the Quarterly Communication in December the Grand Master of Quebec, M.W. Bro. Malcolm A. Campbell, was a distinguished visitor.

The Grand Master made reference to "the disturbed and unhappy days of the past few years", and in speaking of the influence which Masonry might exert in bringing about a better understanding, said:

"We need only to make practical use of our world-wide Institution by holding out the hand of goodwill to our Brethren throughout the world, cementing friendships in Masonry, and establishing so far as lies in our power a mutual trust among all Freemasons wherever they may live and whatever language they speak."

At the Quarterly Communication in December the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, M.W. Bro. W. W. Williamson, was present, together with distinguished visitors from the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Hampshire.

The loss in membership on August 31st, 1934, was reported as 4,404. Of the 329 Lodges on the Register, 311 are in Massachusetts, 7 in the Canal Zone, 8 in China and 3 in Chile. The Masonic Education and Charity Fund amounts to about \$2,000,000 and the total assets of Grand Lodge are valued at a sum exceeding \$4,500,000.

The Grand Master spoke at length of the Masonic Home and Hospital and commended the administration of both institutions and the work being done therein. The total amount expended on charity, including amounts spent by the constituent Lodges, was \$319,000. On August 31st, 1934, there were 149 residents in the Home and 42 patients in the Hospital.

In referring to the finances of the Lodges the Grand Master stated that 74% of the Lodges bond their financial officers as compared with 37% when he assumed office; 40% of the Lodges now provide for a proper audit as compared with 12% two years ago. The Grand Master advised that all financial officers be bonded and that every Lodge have a proper audit.

R.W. Bro. Claude L. Allen was elected Grand Master and thanked the members for so high an honour being conferred upon him.

This Grand Lodge went on record as being opposed to reductions in fees for the degrees.

At the Stated Communication on December 22nd, 1934, the newly elected Grand Master was installed and afterwards the Brethren repaired to the banquet hall for the celebration of the feast of St. John the Evangelist.

MICHIGAN

91st Annual Communication at Grand Rapids, May 28th and 29th, 1935. Grand Master, Frank S. Gould. Lodges, 508. Members, 123,454. Loss, 6,703. Grand Lodge was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain. Immediately after the opening the Grand Master introduced W. Bro. Miles Carpenter, 86 years of age, and Past Master of the Grand Masters' Lodge. The Grand Master paid tribute to him as one of the most ardent Masons in Grand Rapids, and gave him a seat in the East. 19 Past Grand Masters were present and 55 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. Ira A. Beck. There were 53 constituent Lodges not represented.

The Grand Master referred to the Masonic Home, complimenting of Grand Lodge and is of the opinion that attention should be turned to the relief of Lodges which are delinquent. He advised that the incoming Grand Master should appoint a committee to investigate the condition of the Lodges as well as the matter of the consolidation and to lay its findings before Grand Lodge at the next session. He also advised that steps be taken to spread the payment of delinquent Grand Lodge dues over a period of years.

The Grand Master referred to the Masonic Home, complimenting its management and stating that the entire indebtedness on the Home had been paid. On April 30th, 1935, there were 122 residents in the Home.

The funds of Grand Lodge are in sound position, there being a surplus in the General Fund on the year's operations. The revenue for the Masonic Home exceeded the cost of maintenance by more

than \$4,500.00. The cost of maintaining the Home was \$57,000, and the sum of \$12,373 was expended on outside relief.

A distinguished visitor was R.W. Bro. Dunlop of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. Bro. Dunlop delivered an address in which he conveyed the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Canada and in which he made reference to the very close association of the Grand Lodges of Ontario and of Michigan.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodges of Paraiba and Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.

MINNESOTA

82nd Annual Communication at St. Paul, January 16th and 17th, 1935. Grand Master, Bertram S. Adams. Lodges, 309. Members, 53,613. Loss, 2,445. Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present and 230 Lodges were represented. 49 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. R. E. Van Kirk. Speaking of the condition of Masonry the Grand Master said, in part:

"Although some Lodges are meeting much that is discouraging and finding financial burdens oppressive, either on account of heavy indebtedness incurred by the erection of buildings in recent years, or because of the inability or indifference of members to pay dues, Masonry on the whole seems to be looking forward to a brighter period with renewed determination to do better work in the coming years than ever before. What has pleased me a great deal is the fine spirit of harmony that prevails in most Lodges."

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and spoke of the work done to date on the George Washington Masonic Memorial. He stated that the Conference was both inspiring and instructive in its discussion of important Masonic problems.

Two corner stones were laid during the year, one of the new Masonic Temple of Preston Lodge No. 36, and the other of the Memorial Building at Hibbing, which is the home of the Grand Master. The Masonic Temple of Preston Lodge was later dedicated.

The Grand Master had two requests during the year to make a Mason at sight. Both of these requests he denied, for, while this is the prerogative of the Grand Master, it should be exercised in very exceptional cases.

In referring to the matter of non-payment of dues, the Grand Master stated that the number who paid after being in arrears for two years is very small, and he felt that every Lodge should keep its members paid up, remitted, or else have those who are in arrears for two years or over, dropped.

A special Masonic Home assessment was levied in 1928 and extended in 1932. Under the special assessment each member was called upon to pay \$12.50 either in one sum or in the sum of \$2.50 for five years. Most members have paid in full but some have not and some say they will not pay. The Grand Master recommended that any assessment which is not paid by February 1st be added to the Lodge dues and paid immediately, and if any member neglects to pay his name should be struck from the roll of the Lodge for non-payment of dues.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed the finances of the General Fund in sound position. There is a Permanent Relief Fund

of \$111,000 and an Emergency Relief Fund of \$51,000. The assets of the Masonic Home, including Maintenance and Endowment Funds, are valued at \$1,469,000. There is a per capita tax of \$1.00 for the maintenance of the Home. On December 31st, 1934, there were 157 residents in the Home.

The Committee on Fraternal Work at Rochester reported on the activities of the Director, Bro. Frank C. Warner, stating that his counsel and services had proved useful to many Brethren in the hospitals at that point.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. E. A. Montgomery. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1934 are very fully and kindly referred to. There is a reference to the report on the Committee on Masonic Education, and the remarks of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, as to the activities of young men in the Lodges are quoted at length.

MINNESOTA

83rd Annual Communication at St. Paul, January 15th and 16th, 1936. Grand Master, Eugene G. McKeown. Lodges, 307. Members, 51,574. Loss, 2,029. 15 Past Grand Masters were present and 48 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. R. A. VanKirk. Three Occasional Grand Lodges were held during the year for the purpose of laying the corner stones of public buildings.

The Grand Master dealt at length with the question of dues and gave some very interesting information on the subject. In 22 States the average minimum dues are \$4.23, and in 41 States the average maximum dues are \$14.22, with an average of \$6.11. The average Grand Lodge dues for 46 Jurisdictions are \$1.75 with an average distribution of \$1.15 to the Masonic Home in 36 States. In Minnesota the Grand Lodge dues are \$1.50, with one dollar to the Masonic Home, 40 cents for the maintenance of Grand Lodge, and 10 cents to a special Charity Fund. The Grand Master emphasized the care which should be taken to segregate Grand Lodge's share of \$1.50 whenever dues are paid by a member.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed the finances in a sound position. There is a permanent Relief Fund of \$112,000 and an emergency Relief Fund of \$48,000.

There are 160 residents in the Masonic Home. There appears to be an Endowment Fund of \$532,000 and the assets are valued at \$1,497,000. The year's income for maintenance was \$75,708, and the operating expense was \$67,000.

The Committee on Fraternal Work at the Rochester Hospitals reported on the activities of the representative there employed. This representative devotes his entire time to the welfare of Masons, their wives and families who are patients in the hospitals, no matter from where they come.

M.W. Bro. William K. Gill, Past Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. Lawrence West, Past Deputy Grand Master, passed away during the year. The proceedings contain tributes to these distinguished Brethren both as Masons and citizens.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. E. A. Montgomery. In a foreword Bro. Montgomery states that he has found more cheer and optimism in the addresses of the Grand Masters than for several years past. He states that almost every Jurisdiction continues to show a loss but that the aggregate loss compared with former years is about 20% less. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1935 are very

kindly dealt with. The remarks of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. T. W. Sutherland, on the influence which Masonry might exert in creating a better understanding in the world are quoted. Reference is also made to the report of the Committee on Masonic Education.

MISSISSIPPI

117th Annual Communication at Meridian, February 12th and 13th, 1935. Grand Master, Marshall W. Miller. Lodges, 332. Members, 20,597. Gain, 319. 259 of the 332 constituent Lodges were represented. The past year appears to have been one of gradual recovery in Mississippi. There were 644 candidates in 1934 as compared with 312 in 1933. There were 2,075 reinstatements for non-payment of dues in 1934 as compared with 841 in 1933 and there were 2,272 suspensions in 1934 as compared with 4,479 in 1933. There was a gain in membership for the first time in several years, and this Grand Lodge should be congratulated on what appears to be the turn of the tide.

The Grand Master paid a splendid tribute to the work of the Masonic Homes, stating that "too much cannot be said of the value of these institutions." The financing of the homes, on account of the decreased membership, has caused considerable concern. The Grand Master stated there were two ways of meeting the difficulty: Either increase the per capita tax, or have every applicant for the degrees deposit with his application an additional sum to be paid to the Masonic Homes. He is of the opinion that it would not be wise at present to increase the per capita tax and recommended that the finance committee consider the advisability of the other alternative.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and made reference to the important questions there discussed, employment and service bureaus, Grand Lodge dues and assessments, inter-jurisdictional relief, and educational programs.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro.

The Masonic Home Endowment Fund amounts to \$154,500 and the Educational Endowment Fund to \$107,660.

Splendid progress was made during the year in the payment of Grand Lodge dues. On February 1st, 1934, unpaid dues were \$23,714, and of this amount \$15,918 had been paid. Unpaid dues for the fiscal year ending August 31st, 1934, totalled \$10,363, and since February 1st, 1935, \$6,654 has been paid.

In presenting the review of correspondence M.W. Bro. Henry C. Yawn referred to the outstanding Masonic events of the year as the Bi-Centennial Celebration of the first Masonic Lodge established in America at Boston, Massachusetts, and the dedication of the Masonic Peace Memorial in London. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1934 are very kindly reviewed.

MISSOURI

115th Annual Communication at St. Joseph, September 24th and 25th, 1935. Grand Master, Robert DuVal Smith. Lodges, 644. Members, 94,363. Loss, 2,862. Prior to the opening ceremony, W. Bro. G. C. Sparks, on behalf of the five Lodges of St. Joseph, addressed the Grand Master, extending the greetings of his Brethren in St. Joseph. Among the distinguished visitors were M.W. Bro. E. F. Strain, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Kansas, and M.W. Bro. William C. Ramsey, Grand Master of Nebraska.

The Grand Master, in referring to the membership, gave a very interesting account of the history of Masonry in Missouri for the past 100 years. He also spoke of the recent losses in numbers and pointed out that it is only 2,862 for the year as compared with 4,358 in 1934. He made the very interesting statement that had all the initiates received the Third Degree, the loss would have been turned into a slight gain. Many petitions are being received and the Grand Master spoke of the prospects for the future very encouragingly. The Grand Lodge lived within its budget for the year, having a surplus in the General Account of \$1,500.00. There was expended on the Masonic Home for maintenance the sum of \$137,554.

The Grand Master spoke of suspensions for non-payment of dues saying that to state that a Brother should never be suspended for non-payment of dues would be absurd, but he also said that no one should be suspended until all reasonable efforts are made and all means used to retain him. Efforts should be made to procure reinstatements.

Four corner stones were laid by the Grand Master during the year: The Children's Home Society of Missouri at St. Louis, the High School at Louisiana, the Dade County Court House at Greenfield, and the Clay County Court House at Liberty.

The Grand Master visited the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in session on October 10th, 1934. He also, in company with the Grand Secretary, attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington in February, 1935. In referring to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial he referred to the fact that no contract for work on the memorial was entered into until sufficient funds are in hand to pay for the same.

In concluding his address, the Grand Master referred briefly to dangers threatening and to our obligations, our country, our family, and our fellow man. In speaking of the changes which occur he said:

"There are some things that do not change. There are certain fundamental principles of moral and physical life that do not change, but which can be adapted to new conditions."

M.W. Bro. Ray V. Denslow, in presenting the report on Foreign Correspondence, referred briefly to conditions in Germany with respect to Masonry and also to conditions in Italy. The Grand Master called upon W. Bro. Thurman, who had recently travelled in Germany, to give his impressions as to the suppression of Masonry there and he gave a very interesting resume which appears on page 53 of the Proceedings. The review of correspondence is entitled "The Masonic World" and includes an extended reference to almost every conceivable Masonic subject. For general information on Masonry throughout the world I commend the review of M.W. Bro. Denslow. Any of the Brethren desiring to inform themselves may well refer to the Missouri Proceedings for 1935. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1934 receive very kindly reference.

MONTANA

71st Annual Communication at Missoula, August 22nd, 23rd, 1935. Grand Master, George W. Craven. Lodges, 135. Members, 18,321. Loss, 458.

Special Communications were held during the year to conduct the funerals of M.W. Bro. Charles W. Pomeroy and R.W. Bro. John E. Lewis, Senior Grand Warden.

Among the distinguished visitors present at the Annual Communication were M.W. Bro. L. K. Thompson, Grand Master of North Dakota; M.W. Bro. John Stansbury, Grand Master of Wyoming, and V.W. Bro. Robert A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary of Saskatchewan.

Bro. Ralph L. Arnold, Mayor of Missoula, extended a welcome to Grand Lodge and the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. J. R. Lloyd, responded.

134 out of 135 constituent Lodges were represented. The Grand Master made 94 official visits and contacted 135 Lodges during the year and was the first Grand Master since 1906 to contact all the Lodges. He travelled 8,563 miles by train and 15,292 miles by automobile in the course of his visitations.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington in the month of February. He reported to Grand Lodge the various subjects there discussed, including Lodge attendance, Lodge dues, demits, the 18th Amendment, new world conditions and inter-jurisdictional relief.

The Grand Secretary, in reporting a loss of 458 in membership, stated that Montana had its greatest membership in 1930 when it was 20,913. The loss in five years has been 2,592 or 12.4%. During the past year 42 Lodges showed a gain in membership. In 17 of them there was no change and in the balance there was a loss.

There was a revenue for the support of the Masonic Home of about \$54,000 and there was expended the sum of \$47,000. There were 57 residents in the Home. A women's annex was completed and dedicated during the year.

The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Lloyd, was elected Grand Master, and the retiring Grand Master presented him with the signet ring which has been worn by all Grand Masters since 1887. The ceremony was accompanied with the reading of the names of all who had worn it.

There is no review of correspondence.

NEBRASKA

78th Annual Communication at Omaha, June 4th and 5th, 1935. Grand Master, V. R. Johnson. Lodges, 291. Members 35,043. Loss, 2,049. 18 Past Grand Masters were present. They were introduced according to their seniority by the Grand Senior Deacon and were welcomed by the Grand Master. M.W. Bro. F. L. Temple, who was Grand Master in 1917, responded.

R.W. Bro. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary Emeritus, who was Grand Secretary for 26 years and who is 87 years of age, was present. The Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Lewis E. Smith, extended a welcome to him.

W. Bro. J. C. Griffith extended a welcome to Grand Lodge on behalf of the eleven Lodges in Omaha, which represented about 8,000 Masons.

In referring to the loss in membership the Grand Master said that the total loss since 1930 was 7,107. He thought reinstatements during the last year had been 100 per cent. greater than in any preceding year. The Grand Master looks forward to a large number of reinstatements as economic conditions gradually right themselves.

M.W. Bro. J. J. Tooley, Grand Master in 1919, passed away on July 31st, 1934. An Emergent Communication was held to conduct the funeral services on August 5th, 1934.

Forty-three 50-year badges were presented during the year to Brethren who have been Masons for 50 years or more.

The Grand Master, along with the Grand Secretary, attended the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington and stated that the gathering of leading men is of great inspirational and instructive value.

The Grand Master laid the corner stone of a new Masonic Temple at Lincoln and also the corner stone of a new library building at Silver Creek.

Arrears in Grand Lodge dues were very much reduced during the year. Of the amount of \$9,000 in arrears for 1933 all but \$114 has been paid.

The Grand Master recommended the appointment of a committee to determine whether an applicant with some physical impairment should or should not be rejected in the light of his ability to support himself and his family.

The Grand Secretary referred to the fact that arrears for 1933 had been practically paid up but stated that 35 Lodges were in arrears for 1934 in the sum of \$5,802. Members of Lodges in arrears number 9,469 as compared with 11,180 last year. Considering the reinstatements, the official opinion is that Masonry in Nebraska is on the up-grade and that the end of the difficulties caused by the stress of the times is in sight.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Edwin D. Crites, Past Grand Master. The review is topical and contains much valuable information on many important Masonic subjects. Time and space will not permit a reference to the numerous subjects, but to anyone desiring instruction in present-day Masonic problems, I commend this review.

NEVADA

71st Annual Communication at Elko, June 13th and 14th, 1935. Grand Master, George L. Swartz. Lodges, 25. Members, 3,032. Decrease, 12. Ten Past Grand Masters were present and 23 Lodges were represented. Among the distinguished visitors were M.W. Bro. Sam H. Goodwin, Past Grand Master of Utah, and M.W. Bro. Curtis F. Pike, Past Grand Master of Idaho. The roll of Past Grand Masters was called and they were extended a welcome by the Grand Master.

A reception was accorded the Grand Representatives, who were addressed by the Deputy Grand Master. Saskatchewan was represented by James H. Norcross. The report of the Grand Treasurer showed the finances in sound position. The Grand Secretary reported that all the Lodges had made complete returns and that the per capita tax for the year was fully paid.

The Committee on the Legitimacy of Grand Lodges recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Orient of Amazonas and Acre, Brazil.

The Committee on Dual Membership reported that they found some merit in such membership but advised that for the present it be not adopted in Nevada. A Special Committee on Life Memberships reported that it would not be satisfactory in the Jurisdiction to allow members to purchase life memberships on account of the smallness of the Lodges.

The Honorary Past Grand Secretary, Bro. Paul Nathan, was called upon by the Grand Master and addressed Grand Lodge in well chosen words.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. V. M. Henderson. 73 Jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan for 1934.

In a foreword Bro. Henderson refers to the loss in membership and expresses the hope that from now on there may be a bright outlook everywhere. He also refers to the fact that many Grand Masters are burdened with questions which should be answered by reference to the Constitution and thus avoid rulings on trivial matters.

NEW BRUNSWICK

67th Annual Communication at St. John, August 23rd, 1934. Grand Master, the Honourable John B. M. Baxter. Lodges, 33. Members, 5,711. Loss, 314. Four Past Grand Masters were present and 21 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. All the constituent Lodges were represented. The Grand Master stated that the pressure of economic necessity had considerably relaxed and that conditions were appreciably better. The demands upon the Benevolent Fund had only slightly increased and yet no application had been refused. The Grand Master is of the opinion that as soon as times further improve the Lodges will see a large increase in membership because many have been obliged to temporarily postpone application for admission.

The new temple of Salisbury Lodge No. 20 was dedicated by the Grand Master on October 20th, 1934. On this occasion M.W. Bro. A. Stirling McKay, Past Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, was present.

The year 1935 marked the 150th Anniversary of the creation of New Brunswick into a province. Prior to that there was a Masonic Lodge in the County of Sunbury, but the first Lodge to be instituted in New Brunswick was Hiram Lodge No. 17, organized under a dispensation from Lodges at Halifax in 1784. This event was commemorated by divine services on June 24th, 1935, in Trinity Church, St. John. All the City Lodges were represented and there was a considerable attendance from Lodges in other parts of the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master expressed the opinion that there should be something more to interest the members of Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication than the formal adoption of reports and the election of officers. Accordingly this year he arranged for the exemplification of a degree. He is also of the opinion that Grand Lodge should occasionally hold its meetings elsewhere than in St. John.

The General Fund showed a surplus of receipts over expenditure for the year. The Benevolent Fund amounts to \$66,650.

There is no review of correspondence in the proceedings.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

146th Annual Communication at Concord, May 15th, 1935. Grand Master, Orville E. Cain. Lodges, 81. Members, 14,022. Loss, 315. A Special Communication was held at Hinsdale on November 23rd, 1934, for the purpose of dedicating the hall of Golden Rule Lodge No. 77. A Semi-annual Communication was held in the City of Manchester on September 27th, 1934, at which 52 Lodges were represented. Washington Lodge No. 61 conferred the Third Degree and its officers were thanked by the Grand Master for the splendid exemplification of the work.

At the Annual Communication nine Past Grand Masters were present, and 42 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. John T. Tilton. All the constituent Lodges except two were represented.

Among the distinguished visitors were W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy, representing the Grand Master of the District of Columbia; M.W. Bro. Winthrop Buck, Past Grand Master of Connecticut; M.W. Bro. Charles W. Littlefield, Grand Master of Rhode Island, and M.W. Bro. Claude L. Allen, Grand Master of Massachusetts.

The Grand Master referred to the loss in membership which he stated has existed for the past six years and is a normal result of the financial conditions. He reported, however, a quickening of interest both in New Hampshire and throughout the United States. He also spoke of the excellent management of the Masonic Home. The facilities of the Home are inadequate and an extension is needed but at present no funds are available for these worthy purposes.

The Grand Master during the year directed an enquiry as to the financial affairs of the Lodges; he found that of the 81 Lodges only 35 have bonded their officers. He recommended that Grand Lodge, with the co-operation of the Lodges, procure a blanket bond covering all the Lodges, each Lodge to pay a proportionate share of the premium.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and stated that subjects of common interest were discussed and that it is impossible for a Grand Master to attend the Conference and come away without having been greatly benefitted.

The finances are in a sound position. The total receipts for the year in the General Fund were \$16,191 and the total disbursements were \$14,785. There is a Charity Fund of about \$25,000.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney, Past Grand Master. This is Bro. Cheney's 29th review, and in a foreword he states that many think Freemasonry has been hit pretty hard during recent years. He admits that it has been but only in dollars, and states that the foundations have not been affected. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1934 are very kindly reviewed.

NEW JERSEY

148th Annual Communication at Trenton, April 17th and 18th, 1935. Grand Master, F. P. Morton. Lodges, 278. Members, 85,870. Loss, 4,093. 20 Past Grand Masters were present and 273 constituent Lodges were represented, there being only 5 not represented. 65 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by R.W. Bro. Frank L. Silver. Distinguished visitors were in attendance from the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Delaware, Rhode Island, District of Columbia and Maryland. The Grand Master stated that it was encouraging to note that in spite of prevailing conditions the net loss in membership was only 4,093. Of this number 1,321 had passed to the Great Beyond.

The Grand Master made reference to the many differences of opinion which were being expressed as to the manner in which the affairs of the nation were being handled and advised joining with all constructive forces in an endeavour to stem the tide of all un-American trends. On this subject he referred to the instructions given to initiates as follows:

"In the State, you are to be a quiet and peaceable citizen, true to your government and just to your country. You are not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently to submit to legal authority, and to conform with cheerfulness to the government of the country in which you live."

Sunday, December 9th, and Friday, December 7th, were selected as "Go-to-Church Sunday," for the Christian and Jewish Brethren respectively. It is estimated that 18,620 New Jersey Masons attended church on these days.

In accordance with the recommendation made last year, the Grand Master appointed a committee to make arrangements for the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in the year 1937.

The Masonic Bureau, with eight branches in the State, succeeded in placing 1,180 Masons in employment during the year. Every effort is made to be as helpful as possible to the members of the Lodges. In making its report the Committee on the Masonic Bureau spoke of the tremendous demands being made upon all organizations, fraternal, civic and governmental, demands almost beyond possibility of fulfillment.

W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy, Secretary of the Masonic Services Association of the United States, delivered an address in which he stated that from information coming to him from the various Jurisdictions there was an upward trend. Petitions are coming in in many Jurisdictions and those suspended for non-payment of dues are making application to return. He is of the opinion, however, that Masonry will not increase its members from 2,889,000 to 3,500,000, the figure of five years ago, in a short period of time. He is optimistic, however, as to a gradual growth.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodges of Paraiba, Rio de Janeiro and Bahia in Brazil.

Bro. Harold G. Hoffman, Governor of the State of New Jersey, was received and welcomed by the Grand Master. He addressed Grand Lodge, referring to the early development of the State of New Jersey, to the contribution made by Masonry to the advancement of the State, and emphasised the fact that character was the keystone of the life of the early pioneers. From their character came their industry and their great devotion to their country.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Ernest L. Reed. 76 Jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan for 1934. The review of the Saskatchewan Proceedings is in detail and covers all the main activities of the Grand Lodge. There are quotations from the address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, on the subject of the usefulness of District Meetings and a reference to the death of the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. M. A. MacKay. The report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry and the program of Masonic Education are also given extended reference.

NEW MEXICO

57th Annual Communication at Clovis, March 18th and 19th, 1935. Grand Master, William A. Duckworth. Lodges, 57. Members, 5,924. Loss, 179. Ten Past Grand Masters were present and 48 constituent Lodges were represented.

One Lodge was granted permission during the year to incur debt for the remodelling of a building owned by it. The Grand Master was of the opinion that the incurring of the debt would not jeopardise the future of the Lodge. The Grand Master stated that interest in Freemasonry throughout the State had increased in a surprising degree. The net loss in membership was only 179 as compared with 574 the previous year, and 425 in 1932.

The Committee on Masonic Relief expended \$1,938 in the previous

year. The Grand Master is of the opinion that the policy of requiring the Lodges to contribute on an equal basis might be relaxed in some instances as he felt some worthy applications for relief had been denied because of a strict adherence to the policy.

Three Special Communications were held during the year for the purpose of conducting the funerals of three Past Grand Masters, Christopher N. Blackwell, Abram N. Pratt and Edward A. Cahoon.

A Special Communication was held in Albuquerque on November 17th, 1934, for the purpose of paying tribute to the Grand Secretary, Alpheus A. Keen, and celebrating the golden jubilee of his work as Grand Secretary. Bro. Keen has been Grand Secretary for the period of fifty years and the many letters and telegrams received by him on the occasion from Brethren both in and without the Jurisdiction testify to the high esteem in which he is held and the splendid services he has rendered to Masonry. A bronze bust of the Grand Secretary was presented to the Grand Lodge in order to commemorate his work.

The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Reuben Perry, presented a report of the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and referred in detail to the matters there discussed.

M.W. Bro. John Milne, in presenting the report on foreign correspondence, referred to the fact that the aggregate loss in membership in the United States last year was 165,000. He also made reference to the expensive temples, hospitals and Masonic Homes, which in some cases are proving a serious burden to many Lodges both Grand and constituent.

The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1934 are very kindly referred to, and the remarks of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, on Masonry being designed to teach men a way of life, are quoted at length.

NEW YORK

154th Annual Communication at New York, May 7th and 8th, 1935. Grand Master, R. Elliott Owens. Lodges, 1,034. Members, 292,438. Loss, 19,791. The proceedings were opened with prayer by R.W. Bro. S. Parkes Cadman. The Flag was then presented before the East, and Grand Lodge sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

As to the condition of Masonry and the outlook for the future, the Grand Master said in part:

"Despite the problems with which we have been confronted, many of which are still before us, in spite of difficulties, financial and otherwise, facing certain individual Lodges, I can truthfully report that the general state of the Craft is sound, that the spirit prevailing among the Brethren is one of optimism and hope."

The outstanding event in the Grand Master's year occurred on February 14th, 1935, when he conferred the Third Degree on his son, Willard E. Owens. The last occasion upon which a similar event took place in New York was in 1891 when the Grand Master, William Sherer, conferred the Third Degree on his son.

The Grand Master referred to the subject of politics in Masonry and quoted the statement of M.W. Bro. William A. Rowan in 1926: "Masons as citizens in politics, yes. The Institution of Masonry in politics, never." He spoke of requests made to him for an opinion as to whether or not Lodges should pass resolutions to be forwarded to State senators or assemblymen and said that the powers and privileges of a Lodge are limited to the conferring of the three degrees

and to the conduct of its affairs according to the constitution, laws, rules and edicts of the Fraternity.

This Grand Lodge has seven Lodges in Syria, and the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson, visited them during the year in order to get closer contact and ascertain whether or not they desired to remain under the jurisdiction of New York. He reported that they were loyal to the Grand Lodge of New York and desired to remain as they were.

The Board of Custodians recommended the abolition of Grand Honours during ceremonies in connection with the laying of corner stones and the public dedication of temples, monuments, etc.

The Grand Master referred to the past year as "our Masonic recovery year", stating it had been attended with a great degree of success. As to the decrease in members, he stated it was twenty per cent. less than anticipated.

The receipts in the General Fund were \$626,788 and there was expended the sum of \$618,098. The cost of the organized charities for the year was \$548,488. The operation of the Masonic Home cost \$295,000 and the Hospital, \$148,000. On March 31st, 1935, there were 625 residents in the Home and 176 patients in the Hospital.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the following Grand Lodges in Brazil: Sao Paulo, Amazonas and Acre, Para, Minaes and Geraes, and Ceara.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. S. Nelson Sawyer. In the absence of Bro. Sawyer through illness, the report was presented by the Grand Secretary, who paid a tribute to the work of Bro. Sawyer, stating that he had a knowledge of men and institutions throughout the world which very few Masons possess. In a foreword Bro. Sawyer states that an outstanding advance noted in many of the proceedings of Grand Lodges is the greater care given to the qualifications of candidates and the need of properly instructing those who are admitted. There is also a very interesting statement as to the anti-Masonic activities in several countries in Europe. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1934 are very kindly and fully reviewed. There is a reference to the fact that Saskatchewan last year recognized the Grand Lodge of Denmark and that this was an error as it was not the Grand Lodge in Denmark recognized by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Scotland and New York. The matter was very kindly brought to our attention through correspondence from the Grand Lodge of New York, and at the Communication this year steps were taken to correct the error.

NEW ZEALAND

45th Annual Communication at Wellington, November 28th, 1934. Grand Master, Lord Bledisloe. Lodges, 301. Members, 25,607. Loss, 396. M.W. Bro. Lord Bledisloe intimated that owing to his impending departure from New Zealand he could not accept the office of Grand Master for a further term. He accordingly proposed the election of R.W. Bro. James J. Esson for the position of Grand Master for the ensuing year. The motion was carried unanimously. The Grand Master elect asked the Brethren to accept his heartfelt thanks, stating that he was deeply sensible of the honour conferred upon him.

The Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund amounts to £121,873 and there is a combined surplus in all the funds of Grand Lodge of £150,880.

The Board of General Purposes, in presenting its report, recom-

mended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings, stating that this Grand Lodge was recognized by the Grand Lodge of England and that this was sufficient evidence that it was working on constitutional lines and in accordance with the Ancient Landmarks. It was also recommended that recognition be extended to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Peru.

The Board also recommended that Grand Lodge authorize the Board, for the financial year which commenced on July 1st last, to defer the payment of Grand Lodge dues in respect of any member of any Lodge who through illness, unemployment, or other misfortune was unable to pay his annual dues but only when the Lodge itself is unable to pay the dues out of its own funds. This practice has been followed now for two years.

R.W. Bro. George Barclay represented New Zealand at the celebration of the jubilee of the Grand Lodge of South Australia. The occasion was recognized as one of importance in the history of British Overseas Freemasonry as the Grand Lodge of South Australia was the first Grand Lodge instituted in Australia.

The Grand Master elect was installed by the retiring Grand Master, Lord Bledisloe. After the installation the Grand Master delivered an address in which he referred to the many social problems to be solved which called for a closer union throughout the whole human family. The Craft as a body cannot interfere but must rely on individual effort and its teaching is designed to cultivate those qualities which impel men to do right irrespective of all selfish considerations. The improvement of character is of paramount importance because the perfection of society depends entirely upon the improvement of the individual. The Grand Master presented the Immediate Past Grand Master, Lord Bledisloe, with an address and a Grand Master's Jewel. In doing so he paid tribute to the services rendered by Lord Bledisloe during the four years he has been Grand Master. Lord Bledisloe thanked the Brethren for their kind expressions of confidence and affection and stated that the gifts would be for the remainder of his life a happy memento of the years spent in New Zealand.

M.W. Bro. John Joseph Dougall, Grand Master 1914 to 1916, passed away during the year. The proceedings contain a fine tribute to the life and work of this distinguished Brother both as a Mason and a citizen.

NORTH CAROLINA

148th Annual Communication at Raleigh, April 16th and 17th, 1935. Grand Master, R. F. Ebbs. Lodges, 351. Members, 28,292. Loss, 2,073. Eleven Past Grand Masters were present and 27 Grand Representatives. Among the distinguished visitors was M.W. Bro. T. M. Hooper, Grand Master of Virginia.

369 children are being maintained at the Oxford Orphanage and the Grand Master referred to the excellent management of the institution. He recommended an appropriation of \$45,000 for maintenance for the ensuing year. In the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro 66 aged Masons are being maintained and an appropriation of \$12,000 was recommended for its maintenance.

At the Communication of 1934 Grand Lodge approved of the principle of Masonic Education for candidates. During the year the system was introduced in several of the Lodges and excellent results were obtained and the Grand Master is of the opinion that it should be continued for a period of two years and that the Committee on

Masonic Education should distribute appropriate material for the purpose to the Lodges.

The Grand Master made reference to the Grand Secretary, W. Bro. J. H. Anderson, and paid a tribute to his work. He stated that the Grand Secretary was the key man in any Jurisdiction. He also referred to the loss in membership but is of the opinion that the coming year will show an increase in numbers.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed the finances in sound position although a small deficit resulted from the year's operations.

Six charters were arrested during the year, four were surrendered, and there was an additional loss of three by consolidation.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Benito Juarez, La Oriental Peninsular Yucatan, El Potosi of the State of San Luis, all in Mexico, the Grand Lodge of Norway at Trondhjem, the Grand Lodges of Paraguay and Uruguay, and the Masonic Federation of Roumania.

The review of correspondence is by Bro. J. Edward Allen. In a foreword Bro. Allen points out that Masonry has a mission in such a time as this and that after the trying ordeals of the past few years it is strong and vigorous. The review contains a very instructive and useful statement as to the Grand Lodges in Mexico and Brazil.

NORTH DAKOTA

46th Annual Communication at Grand Forks, June 18th and 19th, 1935. Grand Master Mark I. Forkner. Lodges, 129. Members, 12,617. Loss, 818. An address of welcome was given on behalf of Acacia Lodge No. 4 by the Master of the Lodge, W. Bro. Charles N. Morwood. The Master of Lebanon Lodge No. 34, of which the Grand Master is a member, presented the Grand Master with a beautiful gavel. The Grand Master was genuinely pleased with the courtesy of the Brethren of his Lodge. The Past Grand Masters, of whom 16 were present, were assembled in the order of their seniority and were warmly greeted by the Grand Junior Warden, R.W. Bro. Charles M. Pollock. Past Grand Master Stockwell, second in seniority, acknowledged the greeting and expressed regret at the absence of M.W. Bro. James MacDonald, who is now 88 years of age.

116 constituent Lodges were represented. The Brethren who have been Masons for 50 years or more were presented at the Altar. Seven in all assembled and received the Grand Honours. Among them were two who have been Masons 64 and 63 years respectively.

The Grand Master reported a marked improvement in the financial position of most of the Lodges of North Dakota. This he attributed in part to the adoption of better business practices. In many of the Lodges the loss of membership through suspensions has been greater than the gains through affiliation and initiation. The Grand Master expressed the opinion that often too much emphasis is placed upon new petitions and not enough attention paid to the retention of the membership already on the rolls.

The Grand Master referred to two disturbing elements in the national life today as crime and Communism. These subjects call for the serious thought of every Mason. He stated that many years ago North Dakota Masonry laid down certain fundamental principles, declaring that loyalty to country is as vital to the country in time of peace as in time of war, that democracy depends on an intelligent citizenry and an intelligent citizenry depends upon a free

public school system; that any theory of government that fails to recognize the supremacy of Almighty God and the rule of law is inimical to the welfare of mankind, and that no Mason is worthy of the title unless he is making a real contribution to the up-building of his community.

The expenditure in the General Fund for the year slightly exceeded the receipts but the finances are in sound position. The Relief Fund amounts to \$57,000.

The Committee on Annual Returns reported the loss in membership as 234 greater than in 1933. There were 106 more suspensions for non-payment of dues in 1934 than in 1933. There were, however, 63 more candidates in 1934 than in 1933.

In presenting his report on fraternal correspondence, M.W. Bro. Walter H. Murfin stated that in nearly every Jurisdiction the loss in numbers is smaller than last year. An interesting table of statistics showing the loss in members in the United States since 1930 is given, the total loss being 539,000, reducing the membership in the United States to 2,765,869. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1934 are very kindly reviewed.

NOVA SCOTIA

70th Annual Communication at Lunenburg, June 12th, 1935. Grand Master, R. V. Harris. Lodges, 83. Members, 9,079. Loss, 184. Five Past Grand Masters were present and 59 constituent Lodges were represented. The Grand Representatives were called to the Altar and welcomed by the Grand Master who asked each of them to convey the hearty greetings of Grand Lodge to those whom they represented. Among the distinguished visitors were M.W. Bro. George P. Burchill, Grand Master of New Brunswick, and M.W. Bro. Ernest C. Butler, Past Grand Master of Maine.

In his address the Grand Master referred to the early history of Masonry in Nova Scotia. The Craft in Nova Scotia has assembled in annual session since 1758 with the exception of the years 1776 to 1783.

The Warrant for the first Provincial Grand Lodge was issued by the Grand Lodge of England on December 27th, 1757. This was the 177th Annual Communication, if the date of formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge is accepted as the starting point, but the 70th Annual Communication dating from the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1866 as an independent body.

The Grand Master is of the opinion that all Grand Lodges should date from the time when the Provincial Grand Lodge was set up or from the time when a sovereign independent Grand Lodge was formed.

The Grand Master on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty King George V forwarded an address on behalf of the Masons of Nova Scotia to Their Majesties conveying the felicitations of the Craft.

The review of correspondence is by R.W. Bro. James C. Jones, the Grand Secretary. In a foreword Bro. Jones suggests that there has been an improvement in the number of members suspended for non-payment of dues, and that in the Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia much better progress is expected during the present year. 67 Jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan for 1934. There is a lengthy reference to the address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, and also to the death of the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. M. A. MacKay.

OHIO

126th Annual Communication at Akron, October 16th and 17th, 1935. Grand Master, Carl W. Ellenwood. Lodges, 623. Members, 177,092. Loss, 5,146. 15 Past Grand Masters were present and 623 Lodges were represented. Conditions among the Lodges appear to have shown much improvement in the matter of payment of the Grand Lodge dues. During the years 1930 to 1933 delinquent dues amounted to a most disturbing figure but the amount in arrears has decreased very materially during the past two years.

The roll of Grand Representatives was called and they were greeted by the Grand Master who suggested that each of them write their respective Grand Lodges and extend the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

M.W. Bro. Matthew Smith, P.G.M., passed away during the year. He died of injuries received when struck by an automobile in front of his home in the City of Cleveland. The Grand Master paid tribute to the life and work of M.W. Bro. Smith. This Grand Lodge also mourned the passing of the Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. Asa Queen.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and thinks the Conference of so much value that he advises the Deputy Grand Master should be authorized to attend along with the Grand Master.

Extended reference was made by the Grand Master to the Order of the Shrine and Grotto. He stated that as membership in both these Orders is predicated on Masonic membership, the general public understands them to be Masonic organizations. He considers there is a responsibility on these Orders to conform to the standards which the public has associated with Masonry for generations and expresses the opinion that these standards have not always been maintained.

The Grand Master stated that it had been his privilege to be present at a few of the functions of the Eastern Star and that he considered it an honour to share with the Grand Matron a part of the speaking program. He made reference to the co-operation existing in many places between the Lodges and the Order of the Eastern Star.

A warning was given by the Grand Master to the Lodges against using the Institution to further social or political ideas or to condemn diverse views held by others. He referred to the ancient charge: "Resolved against all politics as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the Lodge nor ever will."

The Grand Secretary stated that it was a pleasure to report a decided improvement in the membership record. As compared with a loss of 8,117 in 1934 the loss for 1935 was 5,146. In this connection he stated that 61% of the total loss was due to suspensions in 10% of the Lodges. He also referred to the improvement in the finances of delinquent Lodges. On October 1st, 1934, delinquent Grand Lodge dues amounted to about \$22,000 and during the year the same was reduced to about \$12,000. At the end of 1933 there was a total of \$60,000 unpaid in Grand Lodge dues.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings of Czecho-Slovakia.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Earle Stewart. 65 Jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan for 1935. M.W. Bro. Stewart refers to the Silver Jubilee of Their Majesties The King and Queen, stating that it was an occasion of joyfulness

throughout the Empire in which Masonry holds so honoured a position. Reference is also made to the Flag sent to the Grand Master of Iowa in compliance with his request for the gift of a Flag from every Grand Jurisdiction with which his Grand Lodge is in fraternal communication.

OREGON

85th Annual Communication at Portland, June 12th, 13th and 14th, 1935. Grand Master, Ezra M. Wilson. Lodges 174. Members, 25,866. Loss, 1,246. This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of three Past Grand Masters during the year, M.W. Bro. Frank J. Miller; M.W. Bro. John B. Cleland, and M.W. Bro. William E. Grace. The Proceedings contain tributes to the work of these distinguished Brethren.

The Grand Master, in referring to the subject of membership, stated that the reputation and harmony of the Fraternity depends upon receiving only the highest type of men into its ranks. He emphasizes the need of a thorough inspection of all candidates. He reported that membership was active in all but a few Lodges. He also referred to suspensions for non-payment of dues and stated that all who desire to return should be encouraged and assisted to renew their Masonic standing.

The finances appear to be in excellent condition. The value of the securities held is \$405,000, having increased in the year from the sum of \$375,000 by reason of the purchase and sale of securities by Brethren expert in financial matters.

The Masonic Home at Forest Grove was built 15 years ago. The Grand Master spoke in the highest terms of the Home, stating that it was equalled by none in its comfort and surroundings. The per capita levy for maintenance is \$1.50.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and was assigned the subject of "Demits" for discussion before the Conference.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Lawrence T. Harris, delivered an address on the subject, "The Persistence of Masonry." He spoke of Masonry from the days of ancient history until the present and stated that it now exercises a stronger influence on men's minds than ever before. He referred to the fact that through all the times Masonry had not experienced any revolution within itself and that the fundamental principles have endured without essential change.

The roll of Past Grand Masters was called and 15 answered to their names. They were cordially welcomed by the Grand Master, and invited to seats in the East.

56 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. The Grand Representatives were welcomed by the Grand Master and were advised to communicate with the various Jurisdictions represented by them.

The Grand Secretary referred to the loss in membership of 1,246, stating that this was 698 less than last year. He also reported that the total spent on charity during the year was \$65,496, and that of this amount \$46,169 was expended on the maintenance of the Masonic Home. The maximum number of residents in the Home was 96.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Otto Hagmeier. In a foreword Bro. Hagmeier states that in the 46 Jurisdictions in the United States reviewed by him there was a loss of 143 members, but that in spite of this the general opinion is that Masonry is stronger than ever. He also says that 40 Jurisdictions in the United

States spent \$3,274,000 in the care of unfortunate Brethren. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1934 are very fully and very kindly referred to. The writer is very sorry that he omitted a review of the Oregon Proceedings in his last review but does not know how the omission happened as an effort is made to review all the Proceedings that come to hand. He hopes that the error will not again occur.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

23rd Annual Communication at Escolta, January 22nd and 23rd, 1935. Grand Master, Manuel Camus. Lodges 104. Members, 5,458. Decrease, 180. Four Past Grand Masters were present and 81 constituent Lodges were represented. A reception was accorded the Past Grand Masters who were escorted into the hall and fittingly welcomed by the Deputy Grand Master. The roll of Grand Representatives was called and they were invited to assemble at the Altar where they were welcomed by the Grand Master who stated that nothing illustrated the universality of Masonry more graphically than the annual reception accorded the Grand Representatives.

In his address the Grand Master stated that the year had been one of calamities in the Jurisdiction because of a series of destructive typhoons which had devastated the beautiful islands, bringing distress and great financial loss.

The Grand Master reported that six sister Grand Lodges had suspended relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippines "under conditions disheartening to us who have always believed that in Masonry at least justice and fairness prevailed." He also stated that it had been necessary to arrest the charters of several of the subordinate Lodges. Extended reference was made by the Grand Master to the situation which has arisen on account of the action of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines in China in refusing to accept an invitation to join a council of Grand Lodges to consider the situation in China and in chartering a Lodge in China despite the protest of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The result was that the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Scotland and Massachusetts suspended relations and later the Grand Lodge of Victoria and the National Grand Lodge of France took similar action. Some of the correspondence with these Grand Lodges is published as a part of the address of the Grand Master and those who desire information on the unfortunate incident may obtain it by a reference thereto. It is to be hoped that the difficulties which have arisen may be amicably adjusted at an early date.

The finances of the Grand Lodge are in sound position and there was a surplus of \$2,200 in the year's operations.

In presenting the review of correspondence the Chairman, W. Bro. Leo C. Fischer, stated that the reviews would be published from time to time in "The Cabletow." This method of publication has been favourably commented upon both at home and abroad. It was recommended that recognition be extended to the new organization in Roumania which has resulted from the fusion of the National Grand Lodge and the Grand Orient of Roumania; to the Grand Lodge La Oriental Peninsular Yucatan, Mexico; and to the Grand Lodges of Amazonas and Acre, and Ceara, in Brazil. The recommendations were adopted.

M.W. Bro. Samuel R. Hawthorne was elected Grand Master.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

60th Annual Communication at Charlottetown, June 26th, 1935.

Grand Master, Franklin M. Pidgeon. Lodges 22. Members, 1,143. Loss, 2. A Special Communication was held at Charlottetown on February 27th, 1935, for the purpose of attending the funeral of R.W. Bro. Victor L. Goodwill, Deputy Grand Master.

10 Past Grand Masters were present at the Annual Communication. A distinguished visitor was M.W. Bro. Allan M. Wilson, Past Grand Master of New Hampshire. The Grand Representatives were called to the Altar and were welcomed by the Grand Master who extended fraternal greetings to the several Jurisdictions represented. Representatives from 14 Lodges were present, there being 8 represented by proxy.

The Grand Master made fitting reference to the death of the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Goodwill, and spoke of the reverence and affection in which he was held. He also referred to the death in the City of Vancouver on February 23rd, 1935, of M.W. Bro. Leonard Morris who was Grand Master of Prince Edward Island in 1897. M.W. Brother Morris was also associated actively in the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan for several years before his removal to Vancouver. As to the condition of the Craft the Grand Master stated that Lodge finances at present constitute a great problem throughout the Jurisdiction. He expressed the opinion that most Lodges are attempting to operate on too small an annual fee. He pointed out that during the years of prosperity initiation fees were used for running expenses for which they were never intended, and as degree work is now at a standstill, revenues are greatly reduced.

The Grand Secretary reported that the annual returns of the constituent Lodges had all been received in time. He referred to the improvement in conditions and the loss of only two members as compared with 32 last year.

The Committee on Foreign Relations recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings at Prague.

This was the Diamond Jubilee of the formation of the Grand Lodge, and the Committee on the Grand Master's address commended quiet meditation in memory of those who established the Grand Lodge 60 years ago.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M.W. Bro. Robert A. Gordon, the Chairman. The report consists of references to important events in many Jurisdictions and of extracts of addresses given and reports of committees. It is stated that economy of space forbids the committee from reviewing all the 73 Jurisdictions with which Prince Edward Island maintains fraternal relations.

QUEENSLAND

Grand Master, Sir Leslie Orme-Wilson. Lodges, 357. The membership exceeds 20,000. As far as the writer can find, there is no actual figure given for the membership nor for the loss or gain in the membership for the year. A Special Communication was held at Brisbane on July 25th, 1934, for the purpose of installing the Grand Master. He was installed by the retiring Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. H. Green; after the installation the Grand Master, in addressing the Brethren, stated that they had conferred upon him the greatest honour in their power to confer and had placed him in a position of great antiquity and responsibility. He referred to the growth of Masonry in Queensland, stating that in 1864 there were only three

Lodges whereas today there are 357. He spoke of two things which make the Empire great—the home and the right to worship God according to the dictates of one's conscience. To these he thought a third should be added, namely, Freemasonry, which has always been the support, the protection and defender of the individual. M.W. Bro. W. H. Green was appointed Pro Grand Master. Quarterly Communications were held on September 5th and December 5th, 1934, and March 5th and June 5th, 1935. At a Special Communication in the month of May, 1935, nomination of Grand Lodge officers, as recommended by the Board of General Purposes, was made, and Sir Leslie Orme-Wilson was the only nomination for the position of Grand Master. At the Quarterly Communication on June 5th, the election of officers was held and the Grand Master thanked the Brethren for election to the high office and also thanked the Pro Grand Master for his kind expressions in nominating him to the office. July 1st was fixed as the date of the installation ceremony.

The report of the Board of Management of the Aged Masons, Widows and Orphans institution was very satisfactory. There was a slight deficit in the maintenance fund for the past twelve months but the investments now amount to £41,297 as compared with £28,869 in 1931. The rate of interest on the investments has, however, very materially decreased.

The Board of Benevolence disbursed approximately £2,500 to various beneficiaries during the year.

RHODE ISLAND

145 Annual Communication at Providence, May 20th, 1935. Grand Master, Charles L. Littlefield. Lodges, 43. Members, 17,462. Loss, 507. The Semi-annual Communication was held at Providence on November 19th, 1934.

This Jurisdiction mourned the passing of four Past Grand Masters during the year, Frederick G. Styles, Grand Master in 1900; William H. Scott, Grand Master in 1902; William L. Chatterton, Grand Master in 1908, and Henry C. Dexter, Grand Master in 1924. The Grand Master, in his address, paid tribute to the distinguished service rendered to Masonry by these departed Brethren.

The Grand Master presented fifty-year medals to 11 Brethren during the year. This recognition to the aged members is very highly appreciated and the recipients display their medals on every possible occasion.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and presented a paper on how to increase the attendance in the Blue Lodges. This paper is made a part of the Grand Master's address. In speaking to the Conference the Grand Master referred to a paper presented by Charles H. Johnson, Past Grand Master of New York, on the subject of "A Modern World and Freemasonry", and quoted from the address as follows:

"Freemasonry has a very timely message. We therefore consider no change in our beliefs, we consider only what may be the best and most effective method to bring our Masonic message clearly and intelligently to our membership and, through them, to the world at large. This cannot be done by dependence upon tradition, by reference to the glories of the past, or the great men of our membership who lived their useful lives in their own day . . . With due honour and regard for all that has been done by our Masonic ancestors we of another day and generation must give our-

selves wholeheartedly to the task of promoting the usefulness and to increasing the influence of our time honoured Fraternity."

This Grand Lodge has had the matter of the erection of a Masonic Home under consideration for several years. The funds available for the purpose amount to over \$100,000. During his year of office the Grand Master carefully considered the advisability of building and enquired as to the cost of maintenance. He expressed the view that the support of Masonic homes has been a real hardship in many Jurisdictions during the past few years.

While there was a decrease in the membership there were 227 admitted as compared with 185 the preceding year.

In concluding his address the Grand Master referred to the changed conditions confronting us as men and Masons and stated that the spirit of Masonry is unchanged. I quote portions of his remarks on Masonry as follows:

"Its idealism is as basically essential to civilization as it has been in all the years of the existence of our Institution. From time immemorial, it has stood for the highest and best in every phase of life. Its influence in the founding and development of our Federal government is a matter of history. It has inspired men to the highest achievement in human affairs.

"No institution can long survive unless it has something of absolute worth to give to the world. We believe that our Masonry has that which is most worthwhile. It teaches us to look upon life in its relationship to the Divine and to shape our lives by the plan which shall make them what the Divine Architect intended them to be."

There is no review of correspondence.

SCOTLAND

A Quarterly Communication was held in Edinburgh on February 7th, 1935. The Rt. Hon. Lord Saltoun, Grand Master Mason, presided.

The Grand Master Mason reported the receipt of an illuminated address from Lodge Wellington at Antwerp, No. 1385, expressing thanks for what the Grand Lodge of Scotland had done in connection with the erection of that new Lodge in 1933. The address is to be exposed in the Grand Lodge Museum.

The Grand Master Mason also reported a visit to the Bi-Centenary celebration in January, 1935, of the oldest Lodge in the Grand Lodge of Sweden, the Lodge which was really responsible for the foundation of Masonry in that country. He was happy to say that the relations between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Sweden were warm and cordial. Lord Saltoun referred to the Swedish Masonic functions which he attended and spoke highly of the working of the degree and the standards demanded of initiates.

On February 20th, 1935, Lord Saltoun, accompanied by a deputation of Grand Lodge Officers, paid an official visit to Gibraltar and reinstalled Bro. James Lochhead as District Grand Master of the Western Mediterranean.

SCOTLAND

A Quarterly Communication was held at Edinburgh on the 1st of August, 1935, with the Grand Master Mason, the Rt. Hon. Lord Saltoun, presiding.

The Grand Master Mason made reference to the death on July 7th of the Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand Master of England, stating that he was an honorary member and a good friend of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He asked that an official resolution be put on record conveying the sympathy of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the Grand Lodge of England.

A Special Committee on the revision of the Constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge submitted a draft of a new Constitution and the subject was referred to them for further consideration and report at a special meeting to be held not earlier than February 1st, 1936.

A meeting of the Grand Committee was held on October 24th, 1935. The M.W. Grand Master Mason reported with regret the death on October 9th of M.W. Bro. Curtis Chipman, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, and an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He moved that a resolution expressing the sorrow of the Grand Lodge of Scotland with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts be recorded in the minutes.

The amount of free income available in the General Annuity Fund for the year is 9,975 pounds; the estimated expenditure is about 7,200 pounds; leaving a balance of 2,700 pounds. In the Orphan Annuity Fund the income is estimated at 4,125 pounds, and the expenditure at 3,175 pounds, leaving a balance of 950 pounds.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Grand Master, Sir Alexander Hore Ruthven. Pro Grand Master, the Hon. Mr. Justice J. M. Napier. Lodges, 154. Members, 13,842. Loss, 357. This Grand Lodge was inaugurated on April 17th, 1884, with 2,061 members and 30 Lodges. At the half yearly communication on October 17th, 1934, the Board of General Purposes, in reporting a falling off in membership, stated that this does not mean a weakening of the influence of Freemasonry. No Grand Lodge in Australia has escaped the effect of economic conditions which have made it necessary for many Brethren to cease their membership. The opinion prevails that the loss is only temporary.

The Cottage Homes erected to commemorate the Jubilee of Grand Lodge have been completed and are now occupied. The response to the appeal for the building fund was somewhat disappointing and it was necessary to transfer £650 from the general fund to meet the cost of the undertaking.

The Annual Communication was held on April 17th, 1935. The Deputy Grand Master referred to the fact that five years ago Sir Alexander Hore Ruthven was installed Grand Master of South Australia and had held the position ever since. As a tribute to him a resolution of appreciation was carried conveying to him the gratitude of Grand Lodge for his valued services. The Pro Grand Master, Mr. Justice Napier, was elected Grand Master and in thanking the Brethren referred to the regret which all felt in severing their relations with the retiring Grand Master. He stated that no resolution could ever adequately express the warmth of affection with which he would be always remembered in the Jurisdiction. Mr. Justice Napier was Pro-Grand Master for seven years.

The review of correspondence is contributed by the representatives of the various Grand Lodges. Saskatchewan is very kindly

reviewed by Bro. M. C. Moore with a reference to the address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig.

SOUTH CAROLINA

198th Annual Communication at Charleston, March 13th and 14th, 1935. Grand Master, Frank O. Hart. Lodges, 293. Members, 17,844. Loss, 3,641. An Occasional Lodge was held at Charleston on May 3rd, 1934, when the Grand Master made General Charles Pilot Summerall a Mason at sight. At the close of the ceremony the Grand Master presented Bro. Summerall with a Bible containing a certificate signed by the Grand Master showing that he had been made a Mason at sight.

The Annual Communication was opened with a devotional service conducted by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. John H. Graves. Seven Past Grand Masters were present and 47 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. 260 subordinate Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master made feeling reference to the death of R.W. Bro. George T. Harmon, the Deputy Grand Master, who passed away in May, 1934. He stated that the large numbers attending the funeral testified in eloquent terms of the place the distinguished Brother held in the affections of the people. The Proceedings contain a memorial to his life and work.

In referring to the condition of the Craft, the Grand Master spoke of the new law as to automatic erasure for non-payment of dues and of the large number erased. He believes, however, that a large number will be automatically restored. He is of the opinion that the law is a wise one and will enable the Secretary of each Lodge to make prompt report to the Grand Secretary and will improve the financial position of the Lodges. The Grand Master expressed the hope that there would never be another Masonic "boom" for he knew of nothing more detrimental to the real interests of Masonry.

R.W. Bro. Joseph E. Hart, Senior Grand Warden, was elected Grand Master, and his first act was to present to his brother, Frank O. Hart, the retiring Grand Master, a Grand Master's patent.

The review of correspondence is by Bro. Henry Collins. In a foreword Bro. Collins refers to the fact that he succeeds the late Bro. George T. Harmon in the work of the reviews. Reference is made to the general confidence which characterizes the Jurisdictions and the feeling that the tide has turned, "a note of optimism is in the air." The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1934 are very fully reviewed. Reference is made to the address of the Grand Master and his remarks on the subject, "The Permanence of Masonry", are quoted.

SOUTH DAKOTA

61st Annual Communication at Sioux Falls, June 11th and 12th, 1935. Grand Master, John H. Foasberg. Lodges, 179. Members, 16,684. Loss, 769. Immediately after the opening ceremony the Grand Standard Bearer presented the American Flag at the Altar while the members sang "America". The Flag was then placed in the East where it remained during the session. Addresses of welcome were given by the Worshipful Masters of several of the local Lodges and a response was made by the Deputy Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. John F. Schraeder, Grand Master in 1884, passed away during the year. He was the Dean of Past Grand Masters. In his address the Grand Master paid tribute to the work of the

deceased Past Grand Master as a Mason and made particular reference to the influence exerted by him in the early history of the Dakota territory.

The Grand Master stated that one of the things which impressed him most in his visitations throughout the State was the great number of young men who were manning the Lodges—young men of ability and character who are measuring up to their responsibilities. He considers this a most encouraging sign.

Dakota's oldest Masonic Bible started on a pilgrimage to meet every Lodge in the State on December 12th, 1933, and has completed its journey after visiting every Lodge but one. At each meeting the Brethren reconsecrated themselves to Masonry. A personal letter emphasizing the importance of the meeting was mailed from the office of the Grand Master to each Lodge. A register was kept of every Mason who took part in the ceremonies and this register is now in the possession of Grand Lodge.

An Occasional Grand Lodge was held at Pierre, South Dakota, on July 9th, 1934, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Court House of Hughes County.

The Grand Master made extended reference to the matter of delinquent dues, stating that it was a serious problem. He emphasizes the importance of a personal interview with each delinquent member, a careful enquiry into his financial ability to pay, and his interest in Masonry; no worth-while Brother should be suspended for non-payment of dues.

The income in the General Fund showed a surplus over the expenditure for the year. The amount of \$15,000 was expended on charity.

The Grand Secretary presented a very interesting table of statistics showing the membership of Grand Lodge each year from 1875 to 1935. The peak of membership was reached in 1930 when it was 19,885. The membership today of 16,684 is approximately the same as it was in 1921 when there were 16,460 members.

The Worthy Grand Matron and other officers of the Order of the Eastern Star were introduced by the Grand Master, Grand Lodge having been first declared at ease. An address was given by the Grand Matron.

M.W. Bro. Marion E. Crockett was elected Grand Master and was installed by Bro. Carl H. Claudy of Washington, District of Columbia.

There is no review of correspondence.

TENNESSEE

122nd Annual Communication at Nashville, January 29th and 30th, 1936. Grand Master, M. S. Roberts. Lodges, 425. Members, 37,677. Loss, 1,256. 12 Past Grand Masters were present and 410 Lodges were represented. Arrangements were made during the year for the holding of meetings in each of the 20 Districts. The meetings took the form of schools of instruction, and the Grand Master expressed satisfaction at the enthusiasm displayed at all the meetings.

In referring to the loss in membership the Grand Master stated that it was less than last year and there was a gain in the number of new members, and that deaths and suspensions had resulted in a net loss. He referred to the fact that some of the Brethren who have been suspended in former years for non-payment of dues and reinstated are again suspended for the same cause. He also referred

to the fact that the Grand Lodge revenue from the per capita tax and degree fees had fallen from \$90,828 in the former year to \$86,318, thereby decreasing the amount which it was possible to spend on charity. Five corner stones were laid during the year, three for new Masonic Temples and one for a church and one for a school.

The Grand Master made extended reference to the question of lotteries, stating that the matter had come up twice in the year—in the cases of Corbela Temple, Knoxville, and the Shrine Club in Knoxville. In both cases he was promised that the practice would not be repeated.

36 Lodges are delinquent in payment of Grand Lodge dues, but the amount in arrears for the year was considerably less than in 1934. 125 Lodges reported gains in membership. 55 Lodges were stationary and the balance reported losses.

The Widows' and Orphans' Home expended \$76,488 for maintenance, which amount was just within the amount available for the purpose.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. J. T. Peeler. 64 Jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan for 1934. There is a kindly reference to the address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, and to the report of the Committee on Masonic Relief and Charity, and the Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund.

TEXAS

100th Annual Communication at Waco, December 4th, 5th and 6th, 1935. Grand Master, John H. Crooker. Lodges, 920. Members, 105,144. Loss, 4,992. 16 Past Grand Masters were present and 38 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. A. J. Gilchrist. A Special Communication was held at San Antonio on February 28th, 1935, to attend the funeral of M.W. Bro. N. M. Washer, the Senior Past Grand Master. A Special Communication was also held at Wichita Falls on March the 7th for the purpose of attending the funeral of M.W. Bro. W. Lee Moore, Past Grand Master. In his address the Grand Master paid marked tributes to these distinguished Brethren. There was also a Special Communication at Houston on April the 22nd, 1935, for the purpose of dedicating the San Jacinto memorial which had been erected in memory of the pioneer Masons of Texas by the several Lodges in the 30th Masonic District.

The roll of Grand Representatives was called and the Representatives were welcomed by the Grand Master. M.W. Bro. W. N. Fly, Past Grand Master and Grand Representative of New Jersey, responded and referred to the fact that M.W. Bro. Martin J. Dietz, the present Grand Master of New Jersey, was present.

The Grand Master referred to the fact that the Masons of Texas are this year celebrating their 100th Anniversary. At the time of the first meeting 100 years ago Texas was under the Mexican Flag. Shortly afterwards Texas achieved independence and 10 years later came annexation to the United States. In connection with the history of Texas the Grand Master stated that Texas Masons had always adhered closely to the Masonic landmark of constantly paying tribute and allegiance to the government of the country in which they lived.

Shortly after he was installed the Grand Master addressed a communication to the Master of each Lodge, suggesting that Christmas be observed in some appropriate way. The suggestion met with

a hearty response and many Lodges had successful Christmas programs and activities.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington in February, 1935, and with respect to it stated that he had attended four of the Conferences and that each one had seemed to have a more interesting and more helpful program than its predecessor.

Delinquent dues of Grand Lodge had been much reduced. In 1933 the total was \$57,871; this sum was reduced to \$29,066 in 1934; and in 1935 the amount was further reduced to \$17,489.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed the finances to be in sound position. There was expended in the Widows' and Orphans' Fund the sum of \$140,691, and in the Grand Charity Fund about \$40,000.

A banquet was held to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Grand Lodge. Behind the speaker's table, at which were seated the distinguished guests, were draped the Flags under colours Texas Masonry was created and had grown for a century, Mexico, the Texas Republic, the Confederacy and the Stars and Stripes. The Masonic Homes and Schools had expended \$158,500 for the year. The attendance was 421 and the per capita cost per month was \$31.38.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Fly, P.G.M. In a foreword Bro. Fly refers to the suspension of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands by the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, England, Ireland and Scotland, and also to the suspension of fraternal relations by the Grand Lodge of Paraiba, Brazil, with the United Grand Lodge of England because it alleges that the Grand Lodge of England is guilty of an unwarranted invasion of Brazilian territory. Among the Jurisdictions reviewed is Saskatchewan for 1935. Reference is made to the address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. T. W. Sutherland, to the report of the Committee on Masonic Education and Research, and there is a very kindly reference to the review of correspondence by the writer.

VERMONT

142nd Annual Communication at Burlington, June 12th and 13th, 1935. Grand Master, Julius C. Thomas. Lodges, 103. Members, 17,987. Loss, 533. An Emergent Communication was held at St. Albans on January 12th, 1935, for the purpose of conducting the funeral of M.W. Bro. David A. Elliott, Grand Master in 1917 and 1918 and Grand Treasurer from 1925 to 1935.

39 Grand Jurisdictions were represented at the Annual Communication, among them Saskatchewan by the Grand Master, Bro. Thomas. 90 subordinate Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master made reference to the death of the Grand Treasurer, M.W. Bro. David A. Elliott, and paid a tribute to his work. He called upon M.W. Bro. Henry L. Ballou, who read a memorial to the distinguished Brother. The memorial is published in the Proceedings.

Fifty-year emblems were presented to 18 Masons during the year. According to the Grand Master these buttons are much cherished by their owners.

The Grand Master referred to the loss in membership, stating that were conditions normal the loss would be alarming but that under the conditions prevailing it is extremely fortunate that it is not greater. He reported that more petitions were coming in than in recent years.

The statement of the Grand Treasurer showed the General Fund in a sound position. Receipts for the year were \$11,723 and disbursements \$9,236, leaving a balance of \$2,486. The Permanent Charity Fund amounts to \$71,000.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Archie S. Harri-man, the Grand Secretary. Appended to the review is a table of statistics showing the membership of the various Grand Lodges and the losses in membership for the past year. The Proceedings for Saskatchewan for 1934 are very fully and very kindly reviewed. There is a reference to the death of the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. M. A. MacKay, and the report of the Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund is quoted in part.

VICTORIA

Grand Master, W. Warren Kerr. A Quarterly Communication was held at Melbourne on March 21st, 1934. 43 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by R.W. Bro. C. G. Morgan. The Board of General Purposes reported that arrangements were made for the holding of a Special Communication in Melbourne during the visit of His Royal Highness Prince George, the Senior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Treasurer reported the total balance in the General Fund and the Benevolent Fund and the Hospital Fund as £242,339.

The Grand Secretary reported the membership on December 31st, 1933, as 50,611. There was a loss for the year of 393. M.W. Bro. W. W. Kerr was installed as Grand Master and thanked the Brethren for the honour conferred upon him by his re-election. He referred to the appointment of Lord Huntingfield as Governor of Victoria and stated that on the arrival of the Governor a welcome would be extended to him on behalf of the Masonic Fraternity. The Grand Master appointed R.W. Bro. Sir William Brunton as Deputy Grand Master for the year.

Quarterly Communications were held on the 20th of June and the 19th of September. At the Communication in June a full and detailed report was given by R.W. Bro. William T. Stewart, the Grand Secretary, as to the dedication of the London Peace Memorial and as to the places visited by him during his tour. Among other places he visited Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Niagara Falls and Calgary, and met many distinguished Canadian Masons.

A Quarterly Communication was held on December 19th, 1934, with the Grand Master presiding. The Grand Master presented the nomination of Lord Huntingfield as Grand Master for the ensuing year, stating that he had interviewed him on the subject and that he had generously and willingly consented to act. There were no further nominations and Lord Huntingfield was declared duly elected. The Grand Master elect thanked the Brethren for the honour and referred to the fact that two of his predecessors in the office of Governor, Lord Stradbroke and Lord Somers, had been Grand Masters. He then asked the retiring Grand Master to accept the position of Pro Grand Master.

The review of correspondence is by Bro. William Stewart, the Grand Secretary. 44 Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan for 1934. The Proceedings are very briefly and very kindly referred to. In a foreword there is a reference to the general loss in membership but the statement is made that there is a revival of Masonic spirit.

VIRGINIA

157th Annual Communication at Richmond, February 12th and 13th, 1935. Grand Master, William M. Brown. Lodges, 350. Members, 41,887. Loss, 1,908. Pursuant to a proclamation of the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge met in Emergent Communication on June 25th, 1934, in the auditorium of the George Washington Masonic Memorial in the City of Alexandria for the purpose of reconsecration to the principles of Masonry. The proclamation called upon all constituent Lodges to meet on June 25th to carry out the program supplied. The Grand Master, addressing Grand Lodge, stated that this was the first occasion in 156 years when the Grand Lodge and all the constituent Lodges met at a common time and for a common purpose, namely, that of reconsecrating themselves to the principles upon which Masonry is founded. He called upon the Brethren to dedicate themselves anew to life's ideals, for Freemasonry is a Fraternity of idealism and idealists and believes in making the world a better place in which to live and in extending a helping hand to all mankind.

An Emergent Communication was held at Norfolk on July 5th, 1934, for the purpose of paying a last tribute of respect to the memory of M.W. Bro. William Wilson Gault, Grand Master in 1920.

Shortly after the opening ceremonies at the Annual Communication, the Past Grand Masters were presented at the Altar and were greeted by the Grand Master. Distinguished visitors were present in the persons of the Grand Masters of West Virginia, Montana, Delaware, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. 59 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. J. L. Brown.

The Grand Master made reference to the fact that nearly 200 years have passed since the establishment of the first Lodge in the Borough of Norfolk, and 157 years since the organization of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Reference was made to the celebration of 100 years of Masonry in Virginia in 1878, and some of the remarks made by the then Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Beverley R. Welford, were quoted. A portion of them follows because of the historical interest:

"We have indeed a glorious past, my Brethren, and woe betide that man, if any there be among us, who would not cherish and perpetuate its memory. One hundred years ago, in the month of October, 1778, the Representatives of four Lodges assembled in the City of Williamsburg to inaugurate the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The spontaneous choice of the Craft for the office of Grand Master was none other than George Washington; but the imperious necessities of the war required his continued absence in the field, and the desire of the Brethren could not be gratified. The choice then fell upon John Blair, one of the first appointed judges of the United States Supreme Court."

During the year the Grand Master visited several Masonic Homes in other Jurisdictions, among them that in Nova Scotia, where he participated in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the "first and only home in the entire Dominion of Canada."

The Grand Master referred to the question of Lodge dues, stating that in many instances they were too low. He gave examples of Lodges whose dues were as low as \$2.75, \$3.00 and \$3.50. Since Grand Lodge dues are \$2.50, very, very little is left in such cases for Lodge finances. He strongly urged all the Lodges to make a

thorough study of their finances, and to increase the dues where necessary, and to live strictly within their income.

The Masonic Relief Foundation has investments of \$190,000 and assets of \$356,000, including the George W. Wright Pavilion, in which \$141,000 has been invested. At present there are 38 patients in the Pavilion. There are 215 children in the Masonic Home. A special committee appointed on the subject of the recognition of foreign Grand Lodges reported and recommended standards for recognition. They also recommended that fraternal recognition be extended to the Independent and Regular National Grand Lodge of France, the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings, and the Grand Lodge of Denmark.

The review of correspondence is by R.W. Bro. James M. Clift, the Grand Secretary. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1934 are very kindly reviewed with quotations from the address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, on the subject of the presence of young men in Masonry and also veneration due age and experience. And there is also a complimentary reference to the work of the Committee on Masonic Education and the careful reports of the District Deputies.

WASHINGTON

78th Annual Communication at Wenatchee, June 18th and 19th, 1935. Grand Master, Loomis Baldrey. Lodges, 266. Members, 42,229. Loss, 1,882. 13 Past Grand Masters were present and 33 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. 37 of the constituent Lodges were not represented. Among the distinguished visitors was M.W. Bro. Henry B. Morley, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

The Grand Master dedicated three Masonic Temples during the year and laid the corner stones of the Federal Buildings at Prosser and Montesano.

At the beginning of the year it became apparent that the income for Masonic Home purposes would not equal the expenses and it became necessary to cut down the expenditure. This was done by cutting down outside relief, and the Grand Master stated that if outside relief is to be given in the future it would be necessary to increase the per capita assessment, but he thinks that outside relief should be left to the individual Lodges.

The Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Horace W. Tyler, submitted his 30th annual report. The receipts in the Masonic Home Fund amounted to \$79,084 and the disbursements to \$79,248, of which sum \$53,300 was spent on maintenance and \$6,969 on outside relief. There are 176 residents in the Home.

The loss in membership was 411 less than in 1933 and 1,678 degrees were conferred, a gain of 361 over 1933.

A Special Committee on Life Membership reported recommending a uniform procedure in granting life membership in all Lodges, the monies accruing therefrom to be at once forwarded to Grand Lodge and invested and the interest at the end of each calendar year distributed to the Lodges according to the amount of money each Lodge has in the fund. The report was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Finance. This committee subsequently reported advising that the matter be referred to the Economy Committee.

A reception was accorded the Past Grand Masters. They were assembled at the Altar and welcomed by the Grand Master.

Addresses were delivered by M.W. Bro. John T. Wood, Grand Master of Idaho, and by M.W. Bro. Henry B. Morley, Past Grand Master of British Columbia.

Certificates were presented by the Grand Master to all Masons who had been Masons for fifty years or more. Those present were assembled at the Altar and addressed by the Grand Master who congratulated these old members and paid tribute to the services they had rendered to Masonry.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Arthur W. Davis. Bro. Davis in a foreword states that he submits the review with diffidence because of the outstanding work of his predecessor, M.W. Bro. E. H. VanPatten. He also states that in preparing the reviews he had the valuable assistance of M.W. Bro. VanPatten and several other Brethren and he is most indebted to them. He refers to a general awakening among many Grand Jurisdictions in the matter of Masonic education and the need of an understanding of the philosophy of Masonry. Among the Jurisdictions reviewed is Saskatchewan for 1934. There is a reference to the address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, and to the unfortunate conditions which have recently prevailed in large sections of the Province. The program of Masonic education is also referred to and the review closes with a complimentary reference to the remarks of the Grand Master on the Philosophy and Principles of Masonry.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Grand Master, Fred A. McMullen. Lodges, 144. Members, 9,014. Increase, 42. A Quarterly Communication was held at Kalgoorlie on August 23rd, 1934. A distinguished visitor present was R.W. Bro. E. C. Rosman, District Grand Master of the Gold Fields, Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Grand Master stated that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction. The funds of Grand Lodge amount to £95,000, and the Grand Master pointed out that these funds were all in cash or its equivalent.

A Quarterly Communication was held at Perth on the 22nd of November, 1934. The Grand Master counselled the Masters and Wardens of the Lodges to discontinue anything derogatory to the dignity of Masonry or calculated to wound the feelings of any of the Brethren. He also made reference to the responsibility of the Junior Warden at the festive board.

At the Quarterly Communication held at Perth on February 28th, 1935, the Grand Master referred to the 4th Masonic Conference of the Grand Lodges of Australia which was at the time in session at Hobart, Tasmania. Representatives were present from Western Australia.

The Annual Communication was held at Perth on the 23rd of May, 1935. The Grand Master reported that he had made 150 official visits during the year. He also referred to the increase in membership. There were 439 initiations as compared with 396 in the previous year. The report of the Grand Treasurer showed an increase of £89 in the revenue as compared with the previous year. The expenditure, however, increased by £261 and there was a loss in operation of £229. The increase in the Benevolent Fund was £4,603 and the expenditure for annuities was £3,530. The fund amounts to £45,000.

The review of correspondence is by R.W. Bro. James W. E. Archdeacon, Past Senior Grand Warden. In a very interesting fore-

word Bro. Archdeacon refers to the fact that depression seems to be receding and that the views of Grand Masters are decidedly brighter. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1934 are very kindly reviewed. There is a reference to the address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, and his remarks on the duties of the older members of the Fraternity to their Lodges. There is also a reference to the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry and the effect of a systematic plan of Masonic Education. The thanks of this Jurisdiction are due Bro. Archdeacon for his very full and interesting review.

WEST VIRGINIA

71st Annual Communication at Williamson, October 16th and 17th, 1935. Grand Master, Lawson D. Willis. Lodges, 165. Members, 30,697. Loss, 337. 16 Past Grand Masters were present and 38 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by William G. Strickler. A Special Communication was held on October 12th, 1934, for the purpose of conducting the funeral of M.W. Bro. Frank W. VanHorn, Past Grand Master. Special Communications were also held for the purpose of laying corner stones of a hospital and the Eastern Star Home.

The Grand Master, in referring to the condition of Masonry, made mention of the loss in membership of 337, and was encouraged by the fact that it was less than in the previous year. He reported that nearly every Lodge was receiving petitions and conferring Degrees but also stated that some of the Lodges were not in the best position financially, and that in some cases there was a lack of interest. Some of them were burdened with debt caused by building projects.

The Grand Master ruled that engaging in the liquor traffic, when it is not a violation of Federal or State law, is not a Masonic offence, and that petitions from persons so engaged may be received.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington in February, 1935, and was invited to discuss the subject of "Lodge attendance and how it may be improved", (a) by Masonic lectures and addresses, and (b) by programs of general entertainment. The Proceedings contain in full the address of the Grand Master on this subject.

The Grand Master recommended that official recognition be taken of those Brethren who had been Masons for 50 years or more and thus follow the practice of many other Grand Lodges. He advised that a suitable veteran's medal be obtained for this purpose.

The Committee on Educational Funds reported loans to 58 students aggregating the sum of \$5,388. Repayments of former loans in the amount of \$2,378 were received during the year.

There was expended on the Masonic Home the sum of \$34,800 and the receipts for the purpose amounted to \$36,500. There were 94 residents in the Home on September 1st, 1935. The Grand Charity Committee extended aid in the amount of \$4,094.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Lewis N. Tavenner. In a foreword Bro. Tavenner states that in attempting to abbreviate he has found it difficult to adequately deal with many items of interest. He also says that he has found loyalty to government, continued confidence in the work to be accomplished by the dissemination of Masonic principles, and firm adherence of faith in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. The Saskatchewan

Proceedings for 1935 are very fully reviewed. There is an extended reference to the address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. T. W. Sutherland, and to the report of the Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN

91st Annual Communication at Milwaukee, June 11th and 12th, 1935. Grand Master, Oscar L. Dean. Lodges, 312. Members, 56,323. Loss, 2,055. Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present and 46 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. John E. Bast. 306 out of 312 constituent Lodges were represented. The Grand Master expressed regret that it had been found necessary to drop so many from the rolls on account of non-payment of dues and is of the opinion that many of those dropped could have arranged to meet the small obligation.

During 1934-35 there was expended out of the General Fund the sum of \$28,919, which was in excess of the estimate by \$540. The excess was accounted for in the cost of printing.

On April 30th, 1935, the close of the fiscal year, there was due in unpaid per capita dues the sum of \$12,508; 33 Lodges had not paid for 1934; 13 owed for 1933; 4 for 1932, and 1 for 1931. This information was considered most gratifying as, at the time of last year's report, Lodges were delinquent in the amount of \$21,759.

There was expended for charity and out-door relief the sum of \$23,920. The Grand Master paid tribute to the Masonic Home, stating that there is no other work in which the Masons of Wisconsin are engaged which reflects so much credit upon them. The cost of operating the Home was \$7,500 in excess of income, and the directors advise an increase in the per capita tax.

As to the condition of Masonry the Grand Master is very optimistic, stating that the clouds have largely dispersed, that petitions are coming in almost in the old time way, and that the finances of the Lodges are in much better condition.

At the last Communication of Grand Lodge it was decided to have an inquiry as to the grave of Benjamin T. Kavanaugh, the first Grand Master, 1844-45. Inquiry was made by Bro. Walter O. Helwig, who reported that the first Grand Master was buried at Mount Sterling, Kentucky. He also reported as to the cost of a monument, and by resolution a sum was appropriated by Grand Lodge for the purchase of a suitable monument to mark the spot where the first Grand Master is buried.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Denmark and the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings, Prague.

The review of correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Frank Jenks, Past Grand Master. In the preparation of the review, Bro. Jenks has succeeded his father, and in a foreword he states that he feels his inability to measure up to the high standard set by him. He is of the opinion that we are on the way to better times and that Masonry will emerge a stronger and better institution than it was before. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1933 are very fully referred to with quotations from the address of the Grand Chaplain and the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

WYOMING

61st Annual Communication at Douglas, August 26th and 27th, 1935. Grand Master, John Stansbury. Lodges, 48. Members, 7,884.

Loss, 93. A Special Communication was held at Powell on the 13th of September, 1934, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Powell High School. An address of welcome was given to Grand Lodge on behalf of Ashlar Lodge No. 10, by W. Bro. C. O. Brown. A distinguished visitor was M.W. Bro. Earnest L. Marvin, Past Grand Master of Montana.

A tribute was paid to Past Grand Masters and Past Grand Secretaries. The Grand Master called the members to their feet and all stood in silence with bowed heads in their memory.

17 Past Grand Masters and 44 constituent Lodges were represented. The Past Grand Masters were presented at the Altar and welcomed by the Grand Master.

Two Past Grand Masters passed away during the year, M.W. Bro. Martin R. Johnston, Grand Master in 1905 and 1906, and M.W. Bro. Robert O. Hopkins, Grand Master in 1929 and 1930. The Grand Master paid a tribute to the worth of these departed Brethren and memorial pages appear in the Proceedings.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and spoke of the subjects there discussed, Masonic Education, Grand Lodge dues and assessments, Recognition of Grand Lodges, and Interjurisdictional Relief. He addressed the Conference explaining to them why Wyoming would not be responsible for relief granted to Wyoming Masons in other Jurisdictions.

As to the condition of the Craft the Grand Master was of the opinion that there was a more optimistic feeling. The loss of members he stated is occasioned by non-payment of dues and he spoke of the need of care in suspensions and considerations for Brethren in straitened circumstances.

The finances of this Grand Lodge are in sound position and there was a surplus in the General Fund on the operations of the year. There is a Masonic Home Fund of \$24,000 and the sum of \$4,451 was expended on relief during the year.

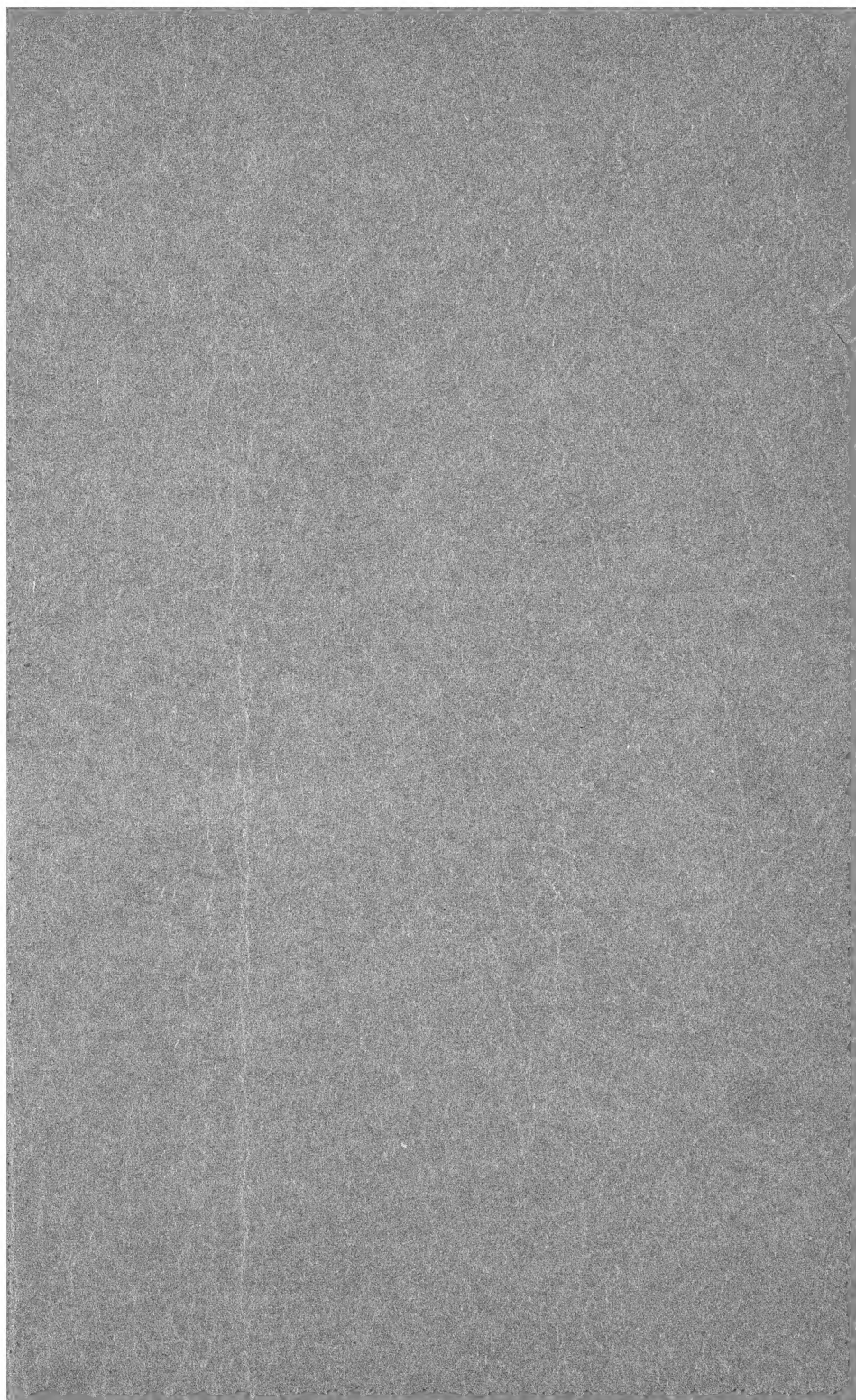
In presenting the report on fraternal correspondence, Bro. J. H. Lowndes stated that while there was a decrease in membership in most Jurisdictions, there is a general feeling that better times are near. He referred to the oldest Mason in the world as Cyrus E. Hull of Los Angeles, California, who has been a Mason for 82 years. He was born in 1830 and was made a Master Mason on March 23rd, 1853 in Springfield, Massachusetts. The Saskatchewan Proceedings are very fully reviewed. The remarks of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, with reference to the duty of the older members to exemplify the principles of Masonry to their sons are quoted. Reference is also made to the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry and to the report of the Committee on Masonic Education.

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